

April 20, 2011

Lawrence, Kansas  
Digester Improvements Project  
City Project No. WW0601  
City Bid No. B1106

B&V Project 165210  
B&V File 14.2300

Mr. Philip Ciesielski  
Assistant Director of Utilities  
City of Lawrence  
720 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
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Attention: Mr. Ciesielski

### **Bid Results and Recommendation**

Bids were received and opened on April 5, 2011, at City Hall, for the Digester Improvements project. The following is an alphabetical list of the Contractor lump sum bids that were read along with the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost.

#### LUMP SUM BID

BRB Contractors Inc.	\$3,228,000
Foley Construction Company	\$3,267,000
Garney Construction.	\$3,214,629
Walters Morgan Construction Inc.	\$3,130,000
Wildcat Construction Company Inc.	\$3,970,400
Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost	\$3,904,000

The low bid was submitted by Walters Morgan Construction Inc. in the amount of \$3,130,000.00. We have also attached a Bid Tab for your use.

Walters Morgan Construction Inc has experience in projects of similar size and general scope (Water or Wastewater treatment work, not a pipeline, of at least \$4,000,000) as a General Contractor on the following projects:

• Ozone System Modifications and upgrade Construction	Lincoln, NE	\$4,477,000
• Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements	Mustang, OK	\$5,245,000
• Shawnee County WTP	Topeka, KS	\$7,549,000
• Rose Hill WWTP	Rose Hill, KS	\$6,301,200
• Marais Des Cygne WTP	Paola, KS	\$13,372,791



Black & Veatch has recently worked on projects with Walters Morgan Construction Inc. We have also contacted other utilities and Engineers in the region listed as references by Walters Morgan Construction Inc. where they performed duties of a General Contractor. Those Utilities and Engineers have indicated positive responses in regards to the quality of the work and the ability to maintain contractual dates. Change Orders included both positive, and negative changes to the Contract value, with some Change orders resulting from Owner direction/increased scope of work. Walters Morgan Construction has a history of meeting the substantial and final completion schedules on similar projects with previous experience on a Black & Veatch project of adding to their work force as necessary to meet completion dates.

Walters Morgan Construction Inc. plans to use the following individuals for the key roles on this project:

- Project Manager – Scott A. Mueller
- Project Superintendent – Andy Halling
- Project Superintendent – David Chapman

The Project Manager will be responsible for administration duties, subcontractor administration, delivery of equipment and supplies for the project and having day-to-day responsibilities. The Project Superintendents will be directly responsible for all aspects of field operations including quality control, executing work, directing field personnel, and managing material and equipment deliveries and installation. In review of their resumes and past work experience, we believe Walters Morgan Construction Inc. has the appropriate experience and available staff to complete the project.

Black & Veatch has also received financial information from Walters Morgan Construction Inc. and no problems were identified. Furthermore, Walters Morgan Construction Inc. does not have any pending lawsuits filed against them. We have also received their equipment questionnaire and all manufacturers listed are acceptable.

The attached Questionnaire listing Walters Morgan Construction Inc.'s proposed subcontractors for this work indicates that they intend to use their own forces to complete the work. Table 1 summarizes the subcontractors proposed for the Lawrence Digester Improvements Project. Black & Veatch has previously worked with Faith Technologies Inc, and Gray & Company and both are acceptable subcontractors. Nutri-Ject is a contractor that has previously worked with the City of Lawrence, and was required as a subcontractor.



Table 1: List of Subcontractors

Work performed	Contractor
Earthwork, Yard piping, and concrete	Walters Morgan Construction Inc
Electrical services	Faith Technologies
Masonry	Scott Masonry
Roofing work	Premier Contracting Inc
Painting	Gray & Company
Mechanical/HVAC	Kruse Corporation
Digester Cleaning	Nutri-Ject Systems Inc
Asphalt	Bettis Asphalt & Construction
Hazardous environment condition removal abatement	Associated Insulation Inc.
Air monitoring	Precision Environmental Services

Based on Walters Morgan Construction Inc.'s qualifications and our evaluation, we recommend that the construction contract be awarded to Walters Morgan Construction Inc. for Lump Sum bid amount of \$3,130,000.00.

Please contact me at (913) 458-3474 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,  
BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION

John A. Keller

Project Manager

Enclosure