



December 31, 2013

Mr. Philip Ciesielski, P.E.
Assistant Director of Utilities
City Hall
6 East 6th Street
City of Lawrence, Kansas 66044

Re: City Project No. UT0701 – Bid No. B1367
Kaw Water Treatment Plant Transmission Main – Phase 1
Award Recommendation
BMcD Project No. 48261

Dear Mr. Ciesielski,

We have completed our review of the Bid Documents received on December 17, 2013 for the above-noted project. The three apparent lowest bidders on the project were as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Grand Total Bid Amount</u>
1. Garney Companies, Inc.	\$5,669,409.00
2. Nowak Construction Co., Inc.	\$6,060,932.00
3. BRB Contractors, Inc.	\$6,200,000.00

The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost for the project was \$5,900,000.00.

We have reviewed in detail the Contractor Qualification Information provided by Garney Companies, Inc. and information provided on the primary microtunneling subcontractor, Environmental Crossings, Inc. and determined that it meets the requirements of the Contract Documents. In addition, we contacted references provided by Garney Companies, Inc. and Environmental Crossings, Inc. where they have recently performed similar work and have also reviewed the available Dunn and Bradstreet financial information, plus financial information provided by the Contractor. Both Garney Companies, Inc. and Environmental Crossings, Inc. appear to have the financial and technical capacity to perform this work for the City of Lawrence.

In addition, we contacted Underground Solutions, who is the primary pipe supplier for project and they have successfully completed projects where Environmental Crossings, Inc. installed transmission main via microtunneling on projects similar in size and scope to the Kaw Water Treatment Plant Transmission Main – Phase 1 project.

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Based on the evaluation of the information provided, we recommend the award of the Contract to Garney Companies, Inc., the lowest responsible responsive bidder, for the grand total bid amount of \$5,669,409.00.

If you or your staff should have any questions concerning this letter, please feel free to contact me at 816-822-3218 or e-mail me at mconnel@burnsmcd.com.

Sincerely,



Michael J O'Connell, PE
Burns & McDonnell Project Manager

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