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May 8, 2017

Nick Hoyt, P.E.
I/I Manager, City of Lawrence Utility Department
6 E. 6th, PO Box 708
Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: Naismith Drive & Crescent Road Improvements
Lawrence, Kansas
15-1453L

Dear Nick:

The bid letting for Naismith Drive & Crescent Road Improvements was conducted May 2, 2017. Three (3) bids were received which ranged from \$669,031.00 to \$892,815.00. The engineer's opinion of probable cost was \$530,076.50. Freeman Concrete Construction submitted the low bid.

We have worked with Freeman Concrete Construction and Razorback Contractors (Foreman's previous company) on past construction projects. We checked with some of the references they provided and we did not note any major concerns. Freeman Concrete Construction was unable to demonstrate that they had recent experience with sanitary sewer and water line work. They provided the name of the foreman they anticipate using and our inspector was familiar with his work and in his opinion was qualified to complete this type of work.

The low bid was approximately 26% higher than the engineer's opinion of probable cost. We believe that the availability of contractors (due to the May bid letting), the constraints of the job site and the short duration of construction time allotted played a major role in the cost exceeding the opinion of probable cost.

Based on the above information, BG Consultants recommends that the City of Lawrence award the construction contract for this project to Freeman Concrete Construction in the amount of their bid of \$669,031.00. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call.

Sincerely,

BG CONSULTANTS, INC.

David J. Hamby, P.E., CFM
Vice President