



June 4, 2015

Dave Schumacher, P.E.
Superintendent of Water Production
City of Aurora
44 East Downer Place
Aurora, IL 60507

Dear Mr. Schumacher:

*Re: 14299-08 City of Aurora, Phillips Park Water Tower Connection,
Bid Recommendation*

This letter presents an evaluation of the bids received for the Phillips Park Water Tower Connection project.

The Phillips Park Water Tower Connection work includes, but is not limited to, the installation of approximately 300 LF of 16" watermain and appurtenances to connect Phillips Park Water Tower to the distribution system east of the tank site in the Hometown Development and all related work necessary to complete the project in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Phillips Park Water Tower Connection project was advertised on May 10, 2015. The Bid Opening was held on June 3, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall at which time five (5) bids were received, opened, and read aloud. A certified bid tab is attached.

Construction by Camco Inc., Illinois was the apparent low bidder in the amount of \$147,370. Construction by Camco Inc. has been in business for 26 years and has completed several watermain utilities projects for the City of Joliet. Construction by Camco is currently working on the Hickory/Spring Watermain Improvement Project for the City of Joliet, IL.

As shown in the bid tab, Construction by Camco Inc.'s bid for the project is less than the Engineer's Estimate of \$150,000 by approximately 2%. To establish the engineer's estimate, historical values for similar types of work were used along with published material costs to form the basis for the estimate. A review of the bids for the project indicates a 0.3% difference between the two low bidders. Given the number of qualified bidders and the reasonable spread of bids received, we believe the bids accurately reflect a fair cost for the work.

Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. contacted the references listed by Construction by Camco Inc. All of the references that we contacted had positive feedback about Construction by Camco Inc.'s work ability, quality, timeliness and reliability and indicated that they would recommend Construction by Camco Inc. for future projects if

Construction by Camco Inc. was the low bidder. Only one of the references mentioned a concern that Construction by Camco Inc. has a small crew size which can potentially affect the project schedule if they work simultaneously on a larger project. Based on our knowledge and the information provided by Construction by Camco Inc., Construction by Camco Inc. has never failed to complete any work awarded to them and has never defaulted on a contract.

Based on the above information, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. recommends that the City award the construction of the Phillips Park Water Tower Connection to the lowest, responsive bidder, Construction by Camco Inc. of Joliet, Illinois, in the amount of \$147,370.

As specified in the contract documents the Owner has sixty (60) days from the day of Bid Opening to give the successful bidder a Notice of Award. Therefore action is required by August 2, 2015. We are available at your convenience to discuss any of the information presented herein. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding any of the above information.

Sincerely,

CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY, INC.



Theresa L. O'Grady, P.E.

Cc: Rick Munson, P.E. – City of Aurora