



City of Aurora, IL

Engineering

Jason Bauer, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

44 E Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60502

[BRANDT EXCAVATING INC] RESPONSE DOCUMENT REPORT

ITB No. 25-210

2026 On-Call Lead Water Service Line Replacement Contract

RESPONSE DEADLINE: October 22, 2025 at 11:00 am

Report Generated: Monday, October 27, 2025

Brandt Excavating Inc Response

CONTACT INFORMATION

Company:

Brandt Excavating Inc

Email:

brandtbuilders92@gmail.com

Contact:

Chad Brandt

Address:

385 E Hoover Street
Morris, IL 60450

Phone:

(815) 942-4488

Website:

<https://www.brandtexcavating.com>

Submission Date:

Oct 22, 2025 9:17 AM (Central Time)

ADDENDA CONFIRMATION

No addenda issued

QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Contact Information*

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Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [COA Contact Information.docx](#)

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2. References*

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Include Municipality, Address, Phone Number, Contact Person, Date of Project for each reference

3 Letters of Recommendation are attached in additional information section.

3. Sub-Contractor List*

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Please provide the following information for each subcontractor. If you do not have subcontractors, please write "N/A"

Company:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone Number:

Contact Person:

List of Proposed Subcontractors

Company: United Meters Inc.,

Address: 798 Gore Road

City, State, Zip: Morris, IL 60450

Phone Number: 815-941-1061

Contact Person: Mike Rodosky

Company: Schollmeyer Landscaping

Address: PO Box 331

City, State, Zip: Big Rock, IL 60511

Phone Number: 630-556-3042

Contact Person: Corey Schollmeyer

Company: Construction Transport

Address: PO Box 222

City, State, Zip: Joliet, IL 60434

Phone Number: 630-863-3345

Contact Person: Justin

Company: Geneva Construction

Address: 43W624 US-30

City, State, Zip: Sugar Grove, IL 60554

Phone Number: 630-466-1246

Contact Person: Dave Phillips

4. Eligibility*

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By signing this Proposal, the Proposer hereby certifies that they are not barred from bidding on this Proposal as a result of a violation of Article 33E, Public Bids of the Illinois Criminal Code of 1961, as amended (Illinois Compiled Statutes, 720 ILCS 5/33E-1).

Confirmed

5. Bidder's Tax Certification*

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The Bidder's Executing Officer, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states that all statements made herein are made on behalf of the Bidder, that this despondent is authorized to make them and that the statements contained herein are true and correct.

Bidder deposes, states and certifies that Bidder is not barred from contracting with any unit of local government in the State of Illinois as result of a delinquency in payment of any tax administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue unless Bidder is contesting, in accordance with the procedures established by the appropriate statute, its liability for the tax or the amount of the tax, all as provided for in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/11-42.1-1.

Confirmed

6. Bidder's Certification*

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I/We hereby certify that:

- A. A complete set of bid papers, as intended, has been received, and that I/We will abide by the contents and/or information received and/or contained herein.
- B. I/We have not entered into any collusion or other unethical practices with any person, firm, or employee of the City which would in any way be construed as unethical business practice.
- C. I/We have adopted a written sexual harassment policy which is in accordance with the requirements of Federal, State and local laws, regulations and policies and further certify that I/We are also in compliance with all other equal employment requirements contained in Public Act 87-1257 (effective July 1, 1993) 775 ILCS 5/2-105 (A).
- D. As applicable, I/We are in compliance with the most current "Prevailing Rate" of wages for laborers, mechanics and other workers as required by the State of Illinois Department of Labor.
- E. I/We operate a drug free environment and drugs are not allowed in the workplace or satellite locations as well as City of Aurora sites in accordance with the Drug Free Workplace Act of January, 1992.
- F. The Bidder is not barred from bidding on the Project, or entering into this contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code, or any similar offense of "bid rigging" or "bid rotating" of any state or the United States.
- G. As applicable, I/We will submit, for all contracts in excess of \$25,000.00, a certificate indicating participation in apprenticeship and training programs approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor.
- H. I/We will abide by all other Federal, State and local codes, rules, regulations, ordinances and statutes.
- Confirmed

7. Apprenticeship or Training Program Certification*

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Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [Aurora Training Program Cer...](#)

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8. Union/Apprenticeship Requested Documentation*

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Please provide verification letter like sample attached.

- [Apprenticeship Program Lett...](#)

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9. Local Vendor Preference Application*

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Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [COA 2024 Local Preference V...](#)

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10. Standard City of Aurora Contract*

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Please download the below documents, complete, and upload.

- [Sample Standard Contract IT...](#)

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11. Additional Information

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PRICE TABLES

TABLE 1

[BRANDT EXCAVATING INC] RESPONSE DOCUMENT REPORT
ITB No. 25-210
2026 On-Call Lead Water Service Line Replacement Contract

Line Item	Description	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost
1	Water Main Tap and Corporation Stop, 1"	EACH	\$115.00
2	Water Main Tap and Corporation Stop, 1.5"	EACH	\$550.00
3	Water Main Tap and Corporation Stop, 2"	EACH	\$650.00
4	Connect to Existing Service Tap	EACH	\$120.00
5	Connect to Existing Curb Stop and Box	EACH	\$1,200.00
6	Trenchless Pipe Installation, 1"	FOOT	\$13.00
7	Trenchless Pipe Installation, 1.5"	FOOT	\$35.00
8	Trenchless Pipe Installation, 2"	FOOT	\$47.00
9	Open Cut Water Service Replacement, 1"	FOOT	\$20.00
10	Open Cut Water Service Replacement, 1.5"	FOOT	\$40.00
11	Open Cut Water Service Replacement, 2"	FOOT	\$50.00
12	Curb Stop and Box, 1"	EACH	\$3,790.00
13	Curb Stop and Box, 1.5"	EACH	\$4,900.00
14	Curb Stop and Box, 2"	EACH	\$5,700.00
15	Sanitary Sewer Adjustment	FOOT	\$0.01
16	Sanitary Sewer Removal and Replacement, 6"	FOOT	\$50.00
17	Drain Tile Repair	FOOT	\$0.01

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Line Item	Description	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost
18	Select Granular Trench Backfill	CU YD	\$15.00
19	HMA Residential Driveway Pvm. Removal & Replacement, 2"	SQ YD	\$70.00
20	HMA Commercial Driveway Pvm. Removal & Replacement, 4"	SQ YD	\$120.00
21	PCC Residential Driveway Pvm. Removal & Replacement, 6"	SQ YD	\$200.00
22	PCC Commercial Driveway Pvm. Removal & Replacement, 8"	SQ YD	\$220.00
23	PCC Sidewalk Removal & Replacement, 5"	SQ FT	\$24.00
24	Detectable Warnings	SQ FT	\$50.00
25	Combination PCC Curb & Gutter Removal & Replacement	FOOT	\$110.00
26	Bituminous Pavement Removal Only	SQ YD	\$0.01
27	Bituminous Pavement Removal & Class D Patch, N50, 3" TO 5"	SQ YD	\$140.00
28	Bituminous Pavement Removal & Class D Patch, N50, 6" TO 8"	SQ YD	\$170.00
29	Bituminous Pavement Removal & Class D Patch, N50, 9" TO 12"	SQ YD	\$211.00
30	Seeding - Aurora Mix	SQ YD	\$35.00
31	Arrow board	DAY	\$0.01
32	Barricades, Type 2 w/Steady Burn Lights	DAY	\$0.01
33	Advanced Warning Signs	DAY	\$0.01
34	Flagger	HOUR	\$130.00

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Line Item	Description	Unit of Measure	Unit Cost
35	Temporary Pavement Surface	SQ YD	\$45.00
36	Inlet Protection	EACH	\$0.01
37	Mobilization	LSUM	\$500.00
38	Remove and Reset Water Heater	EACH	\$250.00
39	Interior 1" Copper pipe (length above included 10')	FOOT	\$10.00
40	Interior Connection to Water Meter w/Slab	EACH	\$2,900.00
41	Interior Connection to Water Meter w/Basement or Crawl Space	EACH	\$2,300.00

CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

CONTACT INFORMATION

Vendor shall provide the following contact information assigned to service the City of Aurora account.

Customer Service/General Information: Ph: 815-942-4488

To place an order:

Name: Chad Brandt
Ph: 815-942-4488 Fax: N/A
E-mail: brandtbuilders92@gmail.com

Billing & Invoicing questions:

Name: Meghan Fehr
Ph: 815-942-4488 Fax: N/A
E-mail: brandtbuilders92@gmail.com

Questions:

Name: Chad Brandt
Ph: 815-942-4488 Fax: N/A
E-mail: brandtbuilders92@gmail.com

Bidder's Name: Brandt Excavating Inc. Chad Brandt, President

Signature & Date:  10-21-2025

Apprenticeship or Training Program Certification

Return with Bid

All contractors are required to complete the following certification:

- ☐ For this contract proposal or for all groups in this deliver and install proposal.
- ☐ For the following deliver and install groups in this material proposal:

Laborers Local 75 + Operators 150

The City of Aurora policy, adopted in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Highway Code, requires this contract to be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. In addition to all other responsibility factors, this contract or deliver and install proposal requires all bidders and all bidders' subcontractors to disclose participation in apprenticeship or training programs that are approved by and registered with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, and applicable to the work of the above indicated proposals or groups. Therefore, all bidders are required to complete the following certification:

- I. Except as provided in paragraph IV below, the undersigned bidder certifies that it is a participant, either as an individual or as part of a group program, in an approved apprenticeship or training program applicable to each type of work or craft that the bidder will perform with its own employees.
- II. The undersigned bidder further certifies for work to be performed by subcontract that each of its subcontractors submitted for approval is, at the time of such bid, participating in an approved, applicable apprenticeship or training program applicable to the work of the subcontract.
- III. The undersigned bidder, by inclusion in the list in the space below, certifies the official name of each program sponsor holding the Certificate of Registration for all of the types of work or crafts in which the bidder is a participant and that will be performed with the bidder's employees. Types of work or craft that will be subcontracted shall be included and listed as subcontract work. The list shall also indicate any type of work or craft job category for which there is no applicable apprenticeship or training program available.

- IV. Except for any work identified above, any bidder or subcontractor that shall perform all or part of the work of the contract or deliver and install proposal solely by individual owners, partners or members and not by employees to whom the payment of prevailing rates of wages would be required, check the following box, and identify the owner/operator workforce and positions of ownership. ☐

The requirements of this certification and disclosure are a material part of the contract, and the contractor shall require this certification provision to be included in all approved subcontracts. The bidder is responsible for making a complete report and shall make certain that each type of work or craft job category that will be utilized on the project is accounted for and listed. **The City of Aurora requires a copy of each applicable Certificate of Registration issued by the United States Department of Labor evidencing such participation by the contractor and any or all of its subcontractors be included with the bid in order to qualify to bid on the project.**

The Bidder must also submit a signed and current dated letter(s) from the certificate holder(s) indicating that the Bidder may use the certificate to meet the above listed requirements for this specific project.

Bidder: Brandt Excavating Inc
Address: 385 E Mower St
Morris, IL 60450

By: 
(Signature)
Title President

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

LOCAL UNION NO. 150, 150B, 150A, 150C, 150RA, 150D, 150G, 150M

AFFILIATED WITH THE A.F.L.-C.I.O. AND BUILDING TRADES DEPARTMENT

JAMES M. SWEENEY
PRESIDENT-BUSINESS MANAGER



(708) 482-8800 • FAX (708) 482-7186
6200 JOLIET ROAD
COUNTRYSIDE IL 60525-3992

March 20, 2025

Brandt Excavating Inc.
385 East Hoover Street
Morris, IL 60450

Re: Proof of Compliance with 30 ILCS 500/30-22(6)
Our File No. MI-00321

Dear Sir or Madam:

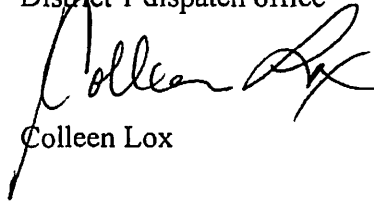
At the request of Brandt Excavating Inc., I am providing you with evidence of the Company's compliance with the apprenticeship requirements in 30 ILCS 500/30-22(6) of the Illinois Procurement Code. I am submitting this letter along with apprenticeship certificates (Nos. IL012020003 and IL008780173).

As a signatory contractor with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150, AFL-CIO, Brandt Excavating Inc., is required by Collective Bargaining Agreement to participate in an applicable apprenticeship and training program approved by and registered with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. The attached certificates are evidence of compliance with the U.S. Department of Labor's apprenticeship requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

IUOE, Local 150, AFL-CIO
District 1 dispatch office


Colleen Lox

Enclosures: Certificates

The United States Department of Labor

Office of Apprenticeship

Certificate of Registration of Apprenticeship Program

Operating Engineers Local 150 Apprenticeship Fund

Wilmington, Illinois

For the Trade - Operating Engineer

*Registered as part of the National Apprenticeship System
in accordance with the basic standards of apprenticeship
established by the Secretary of Labor*

December 31, 1978

Date

Revised June 23, 2011

Registration No.

IL008780173



Hilda L. Solis

Secretary of Labor

John V. Ladd

Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship

The United States Department of Labor
Office of Apprenticeship

Certificate of Registration of Apprenticeship Program

Operating Engineers Local 150 Apprenticeship Fund
Wilmington, Illinois
For the Trade – Operating Engineer (Heavy Equipment Technician)

Registered as part of the National Apprenticeship System
in accordance with the basic standards of apprenticeship
established by the Secretary of Labor

May 5, 2002
Date Revised June 21, 2011

Registration No. *IL012020003*



Hilda L. Solis
Secretary of Labor
John V. Ladd
Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship

April 1, 2024

Brandt Excavating, Inc
385 E Hoover Street
Morris, IL 60450

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed you will please find a copy of the Department of Labor certification that you requested recently.

You may also use this letter as verification that Brandt Excavating, Inc. is indeed signatory to the Chicago Laborers District Council and contributes to the Laborers Apprenticeship Fund and their active account is current.

Our Mandatory Apprentices Program has successfully trained and graduated hundreds of apprentices providing safe, efficient and hard-working employees for signatory employers. The LIUNA Chicagoland Laborers' District Council Training and Apprenticeship Fund has graduated the following number of apprentices within the last five years:

2023: 190
2022: 139
2021: 112
2020: 97
2019: 74

Yours very truly,



Miranda Maddie
Office Manager

Labor Trustees

James P. Connolly, *Chairman*
Michael Bivins
Shawn Fitzgerald
Martin Flanagan
Joseph V. Healy
Lloyd "Curly" Vaughn

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Keith Vitale

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David Lorig, *Secretary*
Seth Gudeman
Shane Higgins
Joseph Koppers
Robert G. Krug
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Carol Stream
1200 Old Gary Avenue
Carol Stream, IL 60188

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Chicago
5700 West Homer St.
Chicago, IL 60639

The United States Department of Labor

Office of Apprenticeship

Certificate of Registration of Apprenticeship Program

Chicagoland Laborers

Carol Stream, IL

For the occupation of CONSTRUCTION CRAFT LABORER

*Registered as part of the National Apprenticeship System
in accordance with the basic standards of apprenticeship
established by the Secretary of Labor*

April 12, 1999

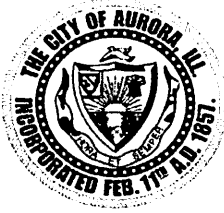
Date

IL017990001

Registration No



John V. Ladd
Administrator, Office of Apprenticeship



City of Aurora, IL - Local Vendor Preference Application

The business identified below is requesting to be placed on the City of Aurora, Illinois Local Vendor Preference list, in accordance with ordinance O20-029 approved April 28, 2020.

- 1) Date Submitted: 10-20-2025
- 2) Name of Business: Brandt Excavating Inc
- 3) Address of Local Office: 385 E Hoover St
- 4) City, State, Zip: Morris, IL 60450
- 5) Company's Web Address: https://www.brandtexcavating.com
- 6) Phone: 815-942-4488 Fax: N/A
- 7) County your Local Business is Located In: Grundy

Submitted By (Signature): [Signature]

Print Name and Title: Chad Brandt, President

Email Address: Brandtbuilders92@gmail.com

Sec. 2-410.-Prequalification; local bidder.

- (a) If an interested business would like to prequalify as a "local business", such a business shall complete and submit the prequalification application along with supporting documentation, as listed below, and the applicable fee as set by the City Council, to the Finance Department:
- a. Evidence that the business has established and maintained a physical presence in the City of Aurora, by virtue of the ownership or lease of all or a portion of a building for a period of not less than twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the submission of the prequalification application; and
 - b. Evidence demonstrating that the business is legally authorized to conduct business within the State of Illinois and the City of Aurora, and has a business registered to operate in the City if required; and
 - c. Evidence that the business is not a debtor to the City of Aurora. For purposes of this subparagraph, a debtor is defined as having outstanding fees, water bills, sales tax or restaurant/bar tax payments that are thirty (30) days or more past due, or has outstanding weed or nuisance abatements or liens, has failure to comply tickets or parking tickets that are not in dispute as to their validity and are not being challenged in court or other administrative processes.

Back up documentation for (a) a. and (a) b. must accompany this submittal or application will be rejected.

Please note for (a) c. above the City of Aurora will verify internally that your company does not have any outstanding fees. Your company should make sure that to the best of its knowledge all bills are current.

Return completed application, with all required backup documentation to:

City of Aurora, Attn: Purchasing Division, 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, IL 60507

Or email to: PurchasingDL@aurora.il.us

Do not write below this line: For City of Aurora use ONLY

- (a) a.
(a) b.
(a) c.

Date: _____

Approved: _____

Letter Sent: _____

Denied: _____

Initials: _____

CITY OF AURORA AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, entered on this 10-20-2025 ("Effective Date"), for the (Services") is entered into between the **CITY OF AURORA** ("City"), a municipal corporation, located at 44 E. Downer Place, Aurora, Illinois and Brandt Excavating ("Bidder"), located at .

WHEREAS, the City issued an Invitation to Bid ("ITB") on _____ for the ; and

WHEREAS, the Bidder submitted a Bid in response to the ITB and represents that it is ready, willing and able to perform the Services specified in the ITB and herein as well as any additional services agreed to and described in the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, on _____, the City awarded a contract to Bidder, Brandt Excavating Inc

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual promises and covenants herein contained, the parties hereto do mutually agree to the following:

1. Agreement Documents.

The Agreement shall be deemed to include this document, Bidder's response to the ITB, to the extent it is consistent with the terms of the ITB, any other documents as agreed upon by the parties throughout the term of this Agreement, along with any exhibits, all of which are incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement. In the event of a conflict between this Agreement and any exhibit, the provisions of this Agreement shall control.

Invitation to Bid CB.

In connection with the ITB and this Agreement, Bidder acknowledges that it has furnished and will continue to furnish various certifications, affidavits and other information and reports, which are incorporated herein. Bidder represents that such material and information furnished in connection with the ITB and this Agreement is truthful and correct. Bidder shall promptly update such material and information to be complete and accurate, as needed, to reflect changes or events occurring after the Effective Date of this Agreement.

2. Scope of Services.

Bidder shall perform the Services listed in the Bid, attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

3. Term.

This agreement shall remain in effect until the terms of the ITB and completion of services have been met, unless sooner terminated in accordance with the terms contained herein, ends upon completion of services.

4. Compensation.

Maximum Price. In accordance with the Bidder's negotiated cost, the price for providing the Services shall be as stated on the submitted Bid, Exhibit 2.

Schedule of Payment. The City shall pay the Bidder for the Services in accordance with the amounts set forth in Exhibit 2, price shall remain firm for the entire contract period. The Bidder shall be required to submit an itemized invoice as well as any supporting documentation as required by the City. Each invoice shall be accompanied by a statement of the Bidder of the percentage of completion of the Services through the date of the invoice. Payment shall be made upon the basis of the approved invoices and supporting documents. The City, after inspection and acceptance, and in consideration of the faithful performance by the Bidder, agrees to pay for the completion of the work embraced in this Contract. Payment shall be made in accordance with the Illinois Local Government Prompt Payment Act (50 ILCS 505/1, *et. seq.*) upon receipt of the invoice.

5. Performance of Services.

Standard of Performance. Bidder shall perform all Services set forth in this Agreement, and any other agreed documents incorporated herein, with the degree, skill, care and diligence customarily required of a professional performing services of comparable scope, purpose and magnitude and in conformance with the applicable professional standards. Bidder shall, at all times, use its best efforts to assure timely and satisfactory rendering and completion of the Services. Bidder shall ensure that Bidder and all of its employees or subcontractors performing Services under this Agreement shall be: (i) qualified and competent in the applicable discipline or industry; (ii) appropriate licensed as required by law; (iii) strictly comply with all City of Aurora, State of Illinois, and applicable federal laws or regulations; (iv) strictly conform to the terms of this Agreement. Bidder shall, at all times until the completion of the Services, remain solely responsible for the professional and technical accuracy of all Services and deliverables furnished, whether such services are rendered by the Bidder or others on its behalf, including, without limitation, its subcontractors. No review, approval, acceptance, nor payment for any and all of the Services by the City shall relieve the Bidder from the responsibilities set forth herein.

6. Termination.

Termination for Convenience. The City has the right to terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, for any reason or if sufficient funds have not been appropriated to cover the estimated requirement of the Services not yet performed, by providing Bidder with sixty (60) days notice specifying the termination date. On the date specified, this Agreement will end. If this Agreement is terminated by the City, as provided herein, the City shall pay the Bidder only for services performed up to the date of termination. After the termination date, Bidder has no

further contractual claim against the City based upon this Agreement and any payment so made to the Bidder upon termination shall be in full satisfaction for Services rendered. Bidder shall deliver to the City all finished and unfinished documents, studies and reports and shall become the property of the City.

7. Miscellaneous Provisions.

a. Illinois Freedom of Information Act. The Bidder acknowledges the requirements of the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and agrees to comply with all requests made by the City of Aurora for public records (as that term is defined by Section 2(c) of FOIA in the undersigned's possession and to provide the requested public records to the City of Aurora within two (2) business days of the request being made by the City of Aurora. The undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Aurora from all claims, costs, penalty, losses and injuries (including but not limited to, attorney's fees, other professional fees, court costs and/or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to its failure to provide the public records to the City of Aurora under this agreement.

b. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, along with the documents set forth in Section 1 and incorporated by reference elsewhere in this Agreement, with consent of the parties, represents the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the performance of the Services. No other contracts, representations, warranties or statements, written or verbal, are binding on the parties. This Agreement may only be amended as provided herein.

c. Consents and Approvals. The parties represent and warrant to each other that each has obtained all the requisite consents and approvals, whether required by internal operating procedures or otherwise, for entering into this Agreement and the undertakings contemplated herein.

d. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

CITY OF AURORA, ILLINOIS

(Contractor)

SIGNATURE

Jolene Coulter

FULL NAME

DATE SIGNED

Director of Purchasing

TITLE

SIGNATURE

Chad Brandt

FULL NAME

10-21-2025

DATE SIGNED

President

TITLE



10/20/2025

RE: Brandt Excavating Recommendation Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to share my high regard for Brandt Excavating following the successful completion of the City of Batavia's inaugural large-scale Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Program. This critical initiative, which took place in the spring of 2023, involved the full and partial replacement of approximately 285 water service lines and was funded by a \$4,000,000 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Principal Forgiveness Loan.

Before undertaking this large-scale endeavor, the City had worked with Brandt Excavating on several water service replacements due to failures, as well as in a subcontractor role for water main directional drilling within larger utility infrastructure projects. These prior collaborations were marked by great success. However, the 2023 LSLR Program represented the first time the City had contracted Brandt Excavating for a project of this size and complexity.

As one might expect, a project of this scale—especially one involving private properties—requires exceptional coordination, communication, and logistical management. Brandt Excavating demonstrated seamless collaboration with City staff throughout the process. There was never any ambiguity regarding which addresses were being addressed and when. Additionally, Brandt's proactive communication with property owners was exemplary, as evidenced by numerous emails and phone calls exchanged with stakeholders. Over the course of the project, it became abundantly clear that Brandt Excavating's extensive experience in water service line replacement projects had a significant impact, allowing City staff to reduce oversight and focus on other, more important daily tasks.

I am particularly pleased to report that the project was completed on time, without delays, and well under budget. This outcome was made possible through Brandt's efficiency, which not only resulted in significant savings but also enabled the addition of 25 to 30 additional lead service line replacements, all within the original budget.

For these reasons, I offer my highest recommendation for Brandt Excavating, and would like to highlight the following qualities that contributed to the success of the project:

- Clear and consistent communication
- Meticulous attention to detail
- Rigorous quality control
- Exceptional project management
- Strong organizational skills
- Effective stakeholder engagement

In my 29 years of managing capital improvement projects, this has been by far the most straightforward project in terms of contractor coordination and overall confidence in the finished product.



Please contact me at (630) 454-2450 or jbarkei@bataviail.gov if you have any questions or request additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Barkei". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jeremy Barkei
Water & Sewer Utility Superintendent

City of Batavia

**DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC UTILITIES**

815-724-4230 Direct
815-723-7770 Fax

CITY OF



JOLIET

October 20th, 2025

150 WEST JEFFERSON STREET
JOLIET, ILLINOIS 60432-4158

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Brandt Excavating, Inc.

To Whom it May Concern:

The projects listed below were successfully constructed by Brandt Excavating, Inc.:

- Marycrest Water Main Relocation, Phase IIIB (2018)-\$1,495,243
- Marycrest Water Main Relocation, Phase IVA (2019)-\$1,039,065 \$
- Marycrest Water Main Relocation, Phase IVB (2019)-\$1,438,720
- Raynor Park Water Main Replacement Phase 2A (2020)-\$1,438,720
- Lead Service Replacement Phase 2A (2021)-\$870,796
- Florence Park 1B Water Main Improvements (2021)-\$775,382
- Reedwood Phase 1A Water Main Improvements (2021)
- Reedwood 1B Water Main Improvements (2021)- \$1,007,046
- Buell Water Main Replacement (2022) \$971,038- \$927,284
- Lead Service Replacement Phase 3B (2022-2023) \$1,129,654

The scope of work for the water main relocation projects was relocating existing backyard water mains to the road right of way and installing new water service lines via directional drilling to the greatest extent possible from the water main to the water meter. Interior residential water meters were also replaced when found to be an old model. This work was completed both for homes with basements and homes with slab foundations. Another significant scope of work item that Brandt was tasked with completing as part of these projects was project management. This included all communication and scheduling with the homeowners, obtaining signatures on project agreement forms and temporary easements, and all follow-up correspondence with homeowners. Brandt has also completed sanitary sewer point repairs within the City's collection system and replacement of water mains in the City's distribution system. All projects were completed on time and within budget.

I highly recommend Brandt Excavating, Inc. for construction of similar work. Over the past ten years I have found them to be extremely professional in their completion of the work and interaction with homeowners. I have received numerous compliments from homeowners regarding the interactions they have had with Brandt's project managers – Chris Ahearn and Chad Brandt. Brandt Excavating goes the extra mile to successfully complete these challenging projects. If there are any questions regarding this recommendation or if you require additional information, you can contact me at 815-724-4222 or e-mail aswisher@joliet.gov.

Sincerely,

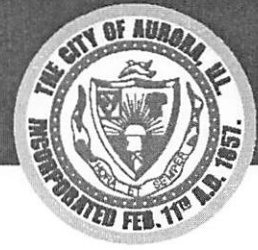
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Director of Public Utilities

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Richard C. Irvin
Mayor

October 20, 2025

RE: Brandt Excavating Recommendation Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of working with Brandt Excavating on approximately fifteen capital improvement projects over the last eight years. They are definitely on my list of preferred contractors due to their ability to be flexible, adapt to field conditions, their work ethic and always coming in under the contract amount. These projects have included water main, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer installation. Several of these projects were installed utilizing the directional drilling method which they can perform themselves. The value of these projects have ranged from \$80,000 to \$3,000,000. All water service replacements associated with these projects were installed via directional drilling. Additional detail on individual projects can be provided upon request.

The City has had five successive on call water service replacement projects for lead water services between 2018-current and Brandt Excavating has been the low bidder on all of them leading to the replacement of approximately 150-200 services annually between fall 2018-fall 2025. This contract addresses random services that have been exposed and/or disturbed or require immediate maintenance. The first two rounds of the replacement contract involved tapping the existing water main and directionally drilling a new copper service to the location of a new b-box. The City at the time did not replace the private side of the water service. The City revised their lead water service replacement policy in September 2021 and now all lead services are replaced from the water main to the water meter.

Brandt Excavating has demonstrated the capability to perform that service on larger projects. In addition to the on call replacement and capital improvements projects, Brandt Excavating is preparing to start the City's second replacement project utilizing an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency forgivable loan which is currently in the contract approval process. Brandt Excavating completed the first loan forgiveness \$4,600,000 contract which targeted services of critical facilities and previous partial replacements. The second \$3,300,000 contract will target the three highest ranking census tracts in the City.

Please contact me at 630-256-3232 or kmuth@aurora.il.us if you have any questions or need additional information regarding Brandt Excavating.

Sincerely,

Kurtis T. Muth, P.E.
Engineering Coordinator, City of Aurora