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May 16, 2018

Ralph Gallegos Executive Director of Energy Management and Construction Gadsden Independent School District P.O. Drawer 70 Anthony, NM 88021

Re:

GISD, Santa Teresa Middle School Drainage Improvements

Bid Award Recommendation BHI Project No. 20180378 GISD Bid No. 17-18-13

Dear Mr. Gallegos:

Bids were received for the above-referenced project on Wednesday, May 16, 2017. The project consists of construction of drainage and erosion control structures at Santa Teresa Middle School.

The project was bid on a unit price and lump sum basis. Four bids were received before the scheduled bid opening. The bid from Highland Enterprises Inc. contained a mathematical error which had no impact to bid results. The bid documents were to include Resident Contractor Certification and Resident Veteran Contractor Certification. Those contractors that qualify for a discounted preference, by providing the pertinent certification documentation, are indicated in the bid tabulation form attached to this letter. The project award amount would be the total base bid of the project. A tabulation of the bids and the engineer's estimate of probable cost are attached. A summary of the three bids is shown below:

| Bidder | Base Bid |
|---|--------------|
| Caliper Construction Inc. Las Cruces, New Mexico | \$123,984.00 |
| Highland Enterprises Inc. Las Cruces, New Mexico | \$176,612.00 |
| Del Mar Contracting, Inc. El Paso, Texas | \$184,990.00 |
| Engineer Estimate | \$200,800.00 |

These figures DO NOT include New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax at a rate of 8.4375% for the City of Sunland Park, NM.

Engineering A

Spatial Data A

Advanced Technologies A

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The apparent low bidder is:

Caliper Construction Inc. P.O. Box 1719 Las Cruces, NM 88004 575.524.3924 NM Contractor License No. 88225 Expires 2/28/2021

The apparent low bidder's licenses have been verified with Contractors Licensing Services, Inc., are valid for the type of work to be accomplished, and are in active status. We have worked with Caliper Construction Inc. on previous projects with satisfactory results.

The contract documents require that bidders hold the bid prices for a period of forty-five (45) days after the bid opening to allow the Owner to evaluate the bid proposals. It is our understanding that GISD currently has funding for the total base bid of the project. On the basis of the above, I recommend that GISD award the project to Caliper Construction Inc. in the amount of \$123,984.00.

The Gadsden Independent School District is required to take action (in the form of a vote) to accept or revise this recommendation in accordance with the GISD's objectives for award of the construction contract. It is my understanding that consideration of the award will take place at the May 24, 2018, GISD Board of Education meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need further assistance with this prior to that time.

Sincerely,

David Shields, CET Project Manager

DMS/dg Enclosure(s)

cc: Caliper Construction Inc.