



January 18, 2024

Andrea Henley-Pratt
Deputy Finance Director
City of Haines City
620 East Main Street
Haines City, FL 33844

Re: Lake Eva RIBs – Forest Hill Phase Bidder Recommendation

Dear Ms. Henley-Pratt:

We have reviewed the tabulation of the bids received for the City of Haines City Lake Eva RIBs – Forest Hill Phase project (Project). The four bids received ranged from a low of \$1,122,400.00 to a high of \$1,483,700.00. No errors were found in the proposal from the apparent low bidder, Felix Associates of Florida, Inc. (Felix).

We received a list of more than ten reference projects from Felix. Several of the projects they cited were similar to the PROJECT, both in size and complexity. Other projects not involving installation of a municipal water conveyance system were referenced and demonstrated their experience with a variety of construction activities to be included during construction of the PROJECT. Felix's experience also suggests they are familiar with maintenance of distribution system operation during construction activities.

We have interviewed references associated with two such projects, and the feedback provided suggests that Felix's performance was well-regarded on the projects specifically discussed. Both contacts confirmed that the work done was of high quality and that Felix provided exceptional responsiveness and project management throughout the duration of each referenced project.

Based on these interviews, it is our opinion that Felix is qualified to perform the work and that they meet the qualification requirements set forth in the contract documents. As such, pending a favorable review by City staff pertaining to legal and financial aspects of Felix's proposal, we recommend award of the PROJECT to Felix Associates of Florida, Inc. for the lump sum amount of One Million One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars & 00/100 (\$1,122,400.00).

Please let me know if you have questions or need anything further at this time.

Regards,

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