

July 24, 2015

Lawrence, Kansas
Kaw Water Treatment Plant MCC Replacement
City Project No. UT1418

B&V Project 185705
B&V File 16.4000
City Bid No. B1538

Mr. Philip E. Ciesielski, P.E.
Assistant Director of Utilities
City of Lawrence
P O Box 708
Lawrence, KS 66044

Subject: Recommendation of Award

Dear Mr. Ciesielski,

We have reviewed the bids received on July 21, 2015 for the Kaw Water Treatment Plant Motor Control Center Replacement Project, City Bid No. B1538. Five bids were submitted; all were below the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost of \$575,000. P1 Group was the apparent low bidder at \$366,700. The following is an alphabetical list of the remaining four contractor's lump sum bids that were received and read aloud.

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Lump Sum Bid</u>
Black & McDonald	\$519,300
Capital Electric	\$371,827
EnerFab	\$488,055
Shelley Electric	\$422,000

The number of bids provided a competitive environment resulting in good bids for the project.

Qualifications

Minimum qualifications requirements were included in the bidding documents (Article 3.01 of the Instructions to Bidders) that consisted of the successful completion of at least two projects of at least \$500,000 within the last five years similar in size and scope to this project. Following receipt of the bids, Black & Veatch requested qualifications from P1 Group.

P1 Group has the necessary qualifications and experience on projects of similar scope to this project and has worked on several projects with Black & Veatch and the City of Lawrence. In 2014, P1 Group completed work for the City of Lawrence and Black & Veatch on the Electrical/Mechanical Modifications Project – Contract No. 2, at the Clinton and Kaw Water Treatment Plants. Under this contract, five motor control centers at the Clinton Water Treatment Plant were replaced in a satisfactory manner.



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Financial Status

We have reviewed P1Group's financial status by obtaining a Dun & Bradstreet report. The report indicates that P1 Group's financial risk is low. Dun & Bradstreet gave them a rating of 4A3 and a credit score of 2 (1 is lowest risk; 5 highest risk). There is not anything in the report that concerns us regarding their financial ability.

Summary

Based on our evaluation and previous experience with P1 Group, it is our opinion that P1 Group is qualified to satisfactorily complete the Kaw Water Treatment Plant MCC Replacement Project. We have contacted P1 Group regarding their bid, and they maintain confident in their bid and are prepared to proceed. As such, we recommend that the City award the contract to P1 Group at a total price of \$366,700.00.

If you have any questions concerning our recommendation, please contact us.

Sincerely,

BLACK & VEATCH CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary J. Schnettgoecke".

Gary J. Schnettgoecke
Engineering Manager