

April 28, 2021

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

Re: GISD, Mesquite Elementary School Bus Drop Off Repaving Project
Bid Award Recommendation
BHI Project No. 20210326
GISD Bid No. 20-21-59

Dear Mr. Gallegos:

Bids were received for the above-referenced project on Monday, April 26, 2021. The project consists of the repaving of the Mesquite Elementary School Bus Drop Off.

The project was bid on a unit price and lump sum basis. Five bids were received before the scheduled bid opening. 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 top three bids is shown below:

Bidder	Base Bid
Highland Enterprises Inc. Las Cruces, New Mexico	\$113,099.81
Caliper Construction Inc. Las Cruces, New Mexico	\$116,053.00
J29 Enterprises, LLC Las Cruces, NM	\$133,624.50
Engineer Estimate	\$149,310.00

These figures DO NOT include New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax at a rate of 6.750%

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The apparent low bidder is for Base Bid and Alternate #1:

Highland Enterprises, Inc.
P.O. Box 2409
Las Cruces, NM 88004
575.524.3551

NM Contractor License No. 4460
Expires 3/31/2022

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 Highland Enterprises 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 and bid alternate #1 of the project. On the basis of the above, I recommend that GISD award the project to Highland Enterprises Inc. in the amount of \$113,099.81.

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 13, 2021, 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
Senior Project manager

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Enclosure(s)

cc: Highland Enterprises Inc.