

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Bryan Gruesbeck, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Springdale Drive/Highway 15/501 Intersection Bid Recommendation

DATE: March 25, 2013

Background: Attached please find the recommendation letter from Samir Bahho, PE, regarding the proposed work at the intersection of Springdale Drive and Highway 15/501. As you will recall, we originally scheduled a bid opening on March 5 but we did not receive any bids. The low turnout is reportedly attributable to the NCDOT requirement for a \$50,000 bond as a condition for an NCDOT permit to work in the right of way.

A subsequent bid opening was held on March 19, which produced one (1) bid from Eastern Services/Raleigh Paving in the amount of \$37,007. The Town originally budgeted \$49,000 for construction, including contingencies.

Action Requested: Award the bid contract to improve the intersection of Springdale Dr/Highway 15/501 to Eastern Services/Raleigh Paving in the amount of \$43,007 including contingencies.



CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES, PLLC
SAMIR W. BAHHO P.E.

Date: March 20, 2013

Town of Pittsboro Manager,
Bryan Gruesbeck,
635 East Street,
Pittsboro, North Carolina 27312

Reference: Informal Bidding process. Widening of
Highway 15/501 at Springdale Drive, Pittsboro,
Chatham County, North Carolina

Bidding documents were prepared for the widening of Highway 15/501 at Springdale Drive. In accordance with North Carolina General Status for informal bids, bidders were invited to bid on the project. Five bidders were invited. Three of the invited bidders have their business address in Pittsboro. A list of bidders names are attached. The bidding closing date was March 05, 2013 at 2:00 PM. No bids were received at the time of closing of bids.

The project was re-bid on March 11, 2013. The original five bidders were re-invited plus additional two new bidders. The 2nd closing date was March 19, 2013 at 2:00 PM. At the time of closing, One bid was received from Eastern Services, LLC dba Raleigh Paving, 800 Lufkin Road, Apex, North Carolina 27539. The total amount of bid received was \$37,007.00. Attached is a copy of the original bid with 5% bid bond.

Note: In talking to bids during bid process, bidders main concern refraining from bidding was the NCDOT requirement of providing \$50,000 bond as a condition of the NCDOT permit for encroaching on Highway 15/501

Bid analysis:

- Informal bid process as outlined in the North Carolina General Statute were followed in the first and second invitation to bid as well as in the opening of bids. The General Statute allow to accept one bid the second time of bidding.
- Engineering cost estimate is \$34,800 based on current market prices.
- Town of Pittsboro budgeted amount for construction of the project is \$43,000 with an additional contingency amount of \$6,000
- The bid from Raleigh Paving is within 10% of the engineering cost estimate which is considered within cost estimate range.
- The bidder has in construction or has recently completed similar project with City of Sanford, Town of Knightdale and Chatham County.
- Contact to check reference with City of Sanford and the Town of Knightdale indicated Raleigh Paving, Inc has completed work satisfactorily and on time.

Recommendations:

Based on bid analysis, we recommend awarding the contract to Eastern Services, LLC dba Raleigh Paving at 800 Lufkin Road, Apex, North Carolina 27539 for the total amount of \$37,007.00 (Thirty seven thousand seven dollars and zero cents).

We also recommend to allocate \$5,000.00 as contingency for unforeseen work that need to be completed like additional undercut excavation or rock excavation.



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Attachments:

Scan of bid document Raleigh Paving with bid bond

Scan of draft Town of Pittsboro budgeted amounts for the project

Lists of bidders first and second round of bidding

Updated construction schedule