

May 23, 2019

Mr. John J. Ingram
Infrastructure Maintenance Director
Village of Orland Park
15655 Ravinia Avenue
Orland Park, Illinois 60462

**SUBJECT: VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK – 2019 MANHOLE REHABILITATION PROJECT
BIDDING RESULTS AND AWARD RECOMMENDATION**

Dear Mr. Ingram:

Four (4) bids were received for the above-referenced project on Thursday, May 16, 2019 through the Village’s bidding service, BidNet Direct at www.bidnetdirect.com/illinois/villageoforlandpark. The bid amounts ranged from \$420,200.00 to \$588,548.00. The lowest bid was from Front Range Environmental, LLC of McHenry, Illinois in the bid amount of \$420,200.00. The second low bid was from Kim Construction Company of Steger, Illinois in the amount of \$427,460.00. A summary of the bids received for this project are as follows:

Front Range Environmental	\$420,200.00
Kim Construction	\$427,460.00
Conley Excavating	\$550,410.00
Visu-Sewer of Illinois LLC	\$588,548.00

RJN staff has had previous experience with Front Range Environmental on a manhole rehabilitation project that did not go well. In fact, Front Range Environmental was asked to walk away from the job after there were continuous problems, delays and deviations from the contract specifications.

In addition, RJN has contacted references provided by Front Range Environmental and received feedback of unsatisfactory performance and unsuccessful completion on at least two (2) other contracts of lesser value and similar scope. RJN also contacted two other municipalities (not listed as references) that had manhole rehabilitation work of the same type bid and received similar negative feedback.

In summary, the low bid contractor, Front Range Environmental, does not have positive references, has negative feedback on performance and therefore, RJN does not recommend the award of the Village of Orland Park 2019 Manhole Rehabilitation Project to Front Range Environmental.

The next lowest bidder, Kim Construction Company, provided a bid that was \$7,260 or (1.7%) higher than the lowest Bid. Kim Construction has worked with many Villages on manhole rehabilitation projects of similar size and scope. RJN has had many positive experiences working with Kim Construction in the field

of sanitary manhole rehabilitation. The quality of their work has been good, and the rehabilitation performed has stood up.

It should be noted that the use of a poor contractor will likely result in the Village having to spend additional money on construction observation services and quality control, as well as requiring additional staff time to deal with any repairs, complaints or follow-up issues that result. This additional effort could easily be in excess of the price difference between Front Range Environmental and Kim Construction Company.

The engineer's estimate for the above referenced project was \$542,400.00. The lowest responsible bidder, (Kim Construction) was approximately 26% under the engineer's estimate. Therefore, RJN Group, Inc. recommends that the Village of Orland Park award the 2019 Manhole Rehabilitation Project to Kim Construction Company in the bid amount of \$427,460.00. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (630)-682-4700 ext. 1392, or jsullivan@rjnmail.com.

Sincerely,
RJN Group, Inc



Joseph Sullivan
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