



March 17, 2023

City of Orange Beach
ATTN: Renee Eberly, City Clerk
4099 Orange Beach Blvd
Orange Beach, AL 36561

RE: Engineer's Recommendation and Bid Tabulation
Perdido Pass Seawall Park Post-Hurricane Sally Repairs & Phase III Expansion
FEMA Project #181334 Orange Beach – Perdido Pass Seawall

Mayor and Council,

Please see attached for the certified bid tabulation for the above referenced project. Bids were received from Blade Construction LLC, Gillis Construction Inc., GreenCo Services LLC, M D Thomas Construction LLC, and S C Stagner Contracting Inc.

In addition to the responsive bidders listed above, InLine LLC and McElhenney Construction Company LLC attended the pre-bid conference but did not submit bids.

The project consists of two projects bid together under one contract to be awarded to the lowest responsive bidder. The first project is to construct the Perdido Pass Seawall Park Post-Hurricane Sally Repairs, and the second project is to construct the Phase III Expansion.

No bracket estimate was developed for this project, but the project budget was as follows:

- FEMA project budget = \$441,020.00
- Phase 3 project budget = \$250,000.00
- Total project budget = \$691,020.00

The responsive bidders listed above submitted bids as follows:

1. M D Thomas Construction LLC submitted a total bid of \$695,597.05. There were discrepancies found in the calculations for the amount bid on multiple items and their actual bid was \$86.52 lower than what was written in their bid total.
2. S C Stagner Contracting Inc submitted a total bid of \$899,783.89. There were no discrepancies found in their bid.
3. GreenCo LLC submitted a total bid of \$1,138,152.25. There were discrepancies found in the calculations for the amount bid on multiple items and their actual bid was \$1,310.50 higher than what was written in their bid total.

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4. Blade Construction LLC submitted a total bid of \$1,260,149.00. There were discrepancies found in the calculations for the amount bid on multiple items and their actual bid was \$16,377.50 higher than what was written in their bid total.
 5. Gillis Construction Inc submitted a total bid of \$1,713,758.62. There was a discrepancy found in their bid total and the actual bid was \$0.20 higher than what was written in their bid total.

When reviewing for unbalanced bids, it was noted that the range of bid totals varied significantly with the highest bidder being 246% higher than the lowest bidder. However, the lowest bidder was within \$5,000 (or less than 1%) of the total project budget. In reviewing bids for major differences, it appears that the other bidders proposed significantly higher unit prices for demolition and removal items, spall repairs, mobilization, temporary erosion control, drainage dissipation flume, boardwalk decking and stringers, landscape walls and selective seawall repair. However, for many of these items, the wide range of unit pricing that was submitted for each item makes it difficult to review for discrepancies of major concern. In reviewing M D Thomas Construction LLC's unit price bids that were significantly higher than the other bidders, it was noted that prices for soil stabilization geogrid, aggregate, tack coat, asphalt, traffic control legends, signs, and wooden pedestrian stairs and handrails were higher than other bidders. However, the overall impact on the total bid price does not constitute an unbalanced bid and no overruns are expected on these items that would significantly impact the total bid.

The lowest responsive bidder, M D Thomas Construction LLC, does not possess either major classification required by the specifications for a contractor to be awarded the project. However, after further review of their licensing and what's required by state law, M D Thomas possesses a Building Construction major classification and multiple specialty classifications ensuring they are adequately licensed to construct the project under the state's general contractor licensing laws set forth in Chapter 8 of Title 34, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended. As the awarding authority, the City may waive or correct technical errors and informalities in the bidding procedure, including the major classifications required for a contractor to be awarded the project.

As a general condition to this contract, contractors were required to have three (3) years' experience with similar projects in the coastal zone. Three (3) references for projects similar in size and scope were also required. Upon request, M D Thomas Construction LLC provided Thompson Engineering with this required information. Thompson Engineering reviewed the project experience and references provided and it is our opinion that M D Thomas Construction LLC is qualified to perform the contract.

Engineer's Recommendation
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Considering the above information, we recommend that the City of Orange Beach award this contract to the lowest responsive bidder M D Thomas Construction LLC in the total amount of \$695,597.05.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,
THOMPSON ENGINEERING, INC.



Charles Weber, P.E.
Senior Engineer

Enclosures