



August 15, 2019

Honorable Richard Richardson
Mayor, Village of Interlaken
PO Box 305
Interlaken, NY 14847

Dear Mayor Richardson:

RE: LOCALLY ADMINISTERED FEDERAL AID PROJECT
PIN 375565 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL
VILLAGE OF INTERLAKEN, SENECA COUNTY

Dear Mr. Richardson:

Bids for the above referenced project were received at the Village Office, Interlaken, New York and were publicly opened and read on July 15, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the Village Board Meeting

Two (2) bids were received and is shown below along with the Engineer's Estimate for reference:

Engineer's Estimate:	\$392,609.80
Nardozzi Companies	\$544,426.25
Streeter Associates Inc.	\$596,775.00

The two bids amount are significantly over the budgeted amount for construction and the Village does not have the available funds beyond the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant to complete the project at this time. The apparent low bidder came in at approximately 138.67% of the Engineer's Estimate. An analysis of the bids has been conducted as follows:

1. There were two bidders. This was not a single bid situation.
2. A Two Bid Analysis was looked at per MAP 7.1-5 for the two bidders. Each of the non-bidders was contacted on the plan buyers list. There were five non-bidding companies that bought plans. Three of the companies had too much work or the project did not fit their schedule, one company out of Georgia was interested in collecting data, and the other company was contacted a couple times but couldn't leave a message because their voice mailbox was full.
3. The high and low bid items in the Engineer's Estimate were reviewed for potential errors. There were no errors found in the Engineer's Estimate.

4. Since this is a Safe Routes to School Project the majority of the work was for sidewalks and curb ramps which made up approximately 86% of the contract based on the Engineer's Estimate. The remaining items include sign installations, tree removals, work zone traffic control, etc. which made up a small portion of the contract. Item 608. 01100015 – Sidewalk was bid at a total of \$377,426.25 total which was approximately 132% of the Engineer's Estimate of \$286,210.50 . Item – 608.0501XX15 – Curb Ramp Type XX were bid at a total of \$74,000 which was approximately 143% of the Engineer's Estimate of \$51,695.00. These percentages the low bid was over the Engineer's Estimate line up with the total bid increase of the Engineer's Estimate for the entire project.
5. There are some changes that could be made which could reduce the cost of work and produce more competition. This project could be re-cycled and re-let in the Fall of 2019. There is also the possibility of reducing the length of sidewalk by possibly eliminating one of the side road installations or possibly doing an alternate bid for one or more of the side roads. These changes would decrease the contract cost and allow more contractors to compete for the project since they would mostly be trying to win bids to schedule their work for the upcoming 2020 construction season.
6. Based on the above analysis, NYSDOT does not recommend award of this contract. The Village also previously expressed the desire to not award the project based on the bid amount as well. It is recommended to reject the two received bids for this project. There was inadequate competition for this project with only two bids received. There were also a total of seven plan holders and three specifically noted they already had enough work as their reason for not bidding. This could be attributed to the increased number of construction projects in the region to be completed within the same timeframe and the contractors not looking for additional work for this construction season. With the project being re-bid in the fall of 2019 for the 2020 construction season, contractors should be more available to complete the work at a cost closer to the budgeted amount.

Please contact Richard Sawczak at (315) 428-3241 with any comments or concerns you may have.

Very Truly Yours,

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