



MEMO

To: Sherron Skipper

07.15.2024

Re: Recommendation of Award
Marion Avenue Cemetery Improvements
Hartsville, SC

From: Rick McMackin, RLA, ASLA

On Thursday, June 6, 2024, two bids were received for the above-referenced project. A tabulation of this bid is attached for your information and review. We have contacted LLR, and the BBB and have reviewed the bidder's references.

The apparent low-bidder, WM Dicks Contractors, had several irregularities in their bid. Two bid items, were left blank, several math errors, and an additional bid item was handwritten into the bid form. WM Dicks bid submittal included a letter of bonding ability, but not the required bid bond. On June 10th, WM Dicks was notified of the irregularities and was given an opportunity to clarify their bid and submit a bid bond. We received no response. We followed up again on June 26th. Bidder stated he was out of town and would provide the necessary clarifications and bond. We again requested clarification on July 1st with a twenty-four-hour deadline. The deadline passed with no response. We reached out again on July 2nd twice. On July 3rd, after the deadline had passed, WM Dicks Contractors provided his clarifications and his bid bond. The clarification still contains math irregularities and a change to his initial unit price. Further, after reviewing two item prices listed by WM Dicks under Ornamental Fencing and Pedestrian Gate, we have concerns that the pricing is not accurate for the material specified. These unit prices were originally left blank by the bidder.

The second place bidder, Southern Vistas, was notified of the low bidder's irregularities and offered to adjust his bid based on him being the low bidder for the Greenlawn Cemetery Improvements Project and the economy of scale for both projects. South Vistas reduced their bid by \$26,213.00, to result in a total Base Bid of \$479,518.00.

For budget reasons, the Owner is declining Base Bid Items #3- Asphalt Base & Surfacing (\$31,995.00), #4- Asphalt Surfacing (\$72,600.00) and #6- Pavement Markings (\$3550.00). Bid item #5- Concrete Sidewalk will have a reduced quantity (50% of \$28,280 to \$14,140).



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With these Amendments along with the unresponsive Bid from WM Dicks Contactors, The LandPlan Group South recommends award to Southern Vistas Inc., in the revised Base Bid amount of **\$357,233.00.**

Please contact me if you have questions or if you need additional information.



I, Rick McMackin, CERTIFY THAT THIS
IS A TRUE AND CORRECT TABULATION OF BIDS

				Bidder #1		Bidder #2	
SC Landscape Architect #630				Southern Vistas Inc.		W. M. Dicks Contractors	
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
1	Mobilization	1	LS	\$41,757.00	\$41,757.00	\$6,585.32	\$6,585.32
2	Site Preparation/Demolition	1	LS	\$24,300.00	\$24,300.00	\$41,158.88	\$41,158.88
	a. Tree Removal	2	EA	\$3,200.00	\$6,400.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,600.00
3	Asphalt Base & Surfacing	405	SY	\$85.00	\$34,425.00	\$48.8414	\$19,780.80
4	Asphalt Surfacing	1210	SY	\$64.00	\$77,440.00	\$21.0429	\$25,462.00
5	Concrete Sidewalk	140	SY	\$225.00	\$31,500.00	\$84.4285	\$12,240.00
6	Pavement markings	1	LS	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00	\$1,330.00	\$1,330.00
7	Ornamental Fencing	1198	LF	\$144.00	\$172,512.00	\$49.8167	\$59,680.51
8	Pedestrian Gate (5')	1	EA	\$2,735.00	\$2,735.00		
9	Drive Gates (12')	1	EA	\$6,604.00	\$6,604.00		
10	Masonry Columns	23	EA	\$2,248.00	\$51,704.00	\$2,930.52	\$67,402.00
11	Ped. Gate Columns	2	EA	\$2,390.00	\$4,780.00	\$2,854.50	\$5,709.00
12	Landscaping						
	a. Willow Oaks	3	EA	\$1,171.00	\$3,513.00	\$660.00	\$1,980.00
	b. Autumn Chiffon Azalea	304	EA	\$59.00	\$17,936.00	\$34.20	\$10,396.80
	c. Ev. Giant Liriope	225	LS	\$15.00	\$3,375.00	\$7.4986	\$1,687.20
13	Irrigation	1	LS	\$13,200.00	\$13,200.00	\$17,788.00	\$17,788.00
14	Honorary Signage Allowance	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
					\$505,731.00		\$299,040.54

Note: Bidder No. 2 added a
handwritten bid item "Bid
Bond" of \$14,390.02

\$ 284,380.22

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1	Mobilization	1	LS	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 20,804.33	\$ 20,804.33
2	Site Preparation/Demolition	1	LS	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00	\$41,158.88	\$41,158.88
	a. Tree Removal	2	EA	\$3,200.00	\$6,400.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,600.00
3	Asphalt Base & Surfacing	405	SY	\$79.00	\$31,995.00	\$48.8414	\$19,780.77
4	Asphalt Surfacing	1210	SY	\$60.00	\$72,600.00	\$21.0429	\$25,461.91
5	Concrete Sidewalk	140	SY	\$202.00	\$28,280.00	\$84.4285	\$11,819.99
6	Pavement markings	1	LS	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00	\$1,330.00	\$1,330.00
7	Ornamental Fencing	1198	LF	\$140.00	\$167,720.00	\$48.5646	\$58,180.39
8	Pedestrian Gate (5')	1	EA	\$2,735.00	\$2,735.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
9	Drive Gates (12')	1	EA	\$6,604.00	\$6,604.00	\$850.00	\$850.00
10	Masonry Columns	23	EA	\$2,210.00	\$50,830.00	\$2,930.52	\$67,401.96
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14	Honorary Signage Allowance	1	LS	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
					\$445,518.00		\$298,599.21

Correct Total: \$300,099.33

	Highlighted areas contain math errors.
	Highlighted areas contain bid change.
	Highlighted areas contain bid correction.