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MEMORANDUM

Date: February 19, 2025
To: Chairperson Brad Firkus and Members of the Finance Committee
From: Chris Stempa, Utilities Director
CC: Ryan Rice, Utilities Deputy Director
Kelli Rindt, Enterprise Fund Accounting Manager
Subject: **Finance Committee Action: Award the AWWTP Removable Retaining Wall / Column Storage Improvements Base Bid to Staab Construction in the amount of \$353,000 with 2.5% contingency of \$8,825 for a project total not to exceed \$361,825**

BACKGROUND:

The Appleton Wastewater Treatment Plant (AWWTP) produces approximately 25,000 wet tons of biosolids each year. After the final completion of the Sludge Storage Additional project in 2024, staff identified a design concept that would improve the storage of the removable wall planks and columns. The current outside laydown area which houses the concrete planks and steel columns has become space limited since the Sludge Storage Building project (added 20 more wall planks and two removable columns).

The proposed improvements to the existing laydown area would mirror how the wall sections are currently installed inside the sludge storage building. This change will enhance storage functionality and effectiveness while providing staff with adequate outdoor training space to simulate wall plank and column removal. Along with repairs to the support columns and refinishing, this approach will address plank storage issues and extend the lifespan of the storage building infrastructure.

BIDS

On Tuesday, February 18, 2025, a single bid was reviewed for the project. Applied Technologies Inc., reviewed the bids to verify conformance with the bid specifications. It was recommended based on that review that the contract be awarded to Staab Construction Corporation in the amount of \$353,000. Funding for this contract would be supported by budget remaining from the Sludge Storage Building Addition Project. Attached to this memorandum is the bid evaluation letter and bid tabulation produced by Applied Technologies Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

I am recommending the approval of the contract with Staab Construction Corporation in the amount of \$353,000 with 2.5% contingency of \$8,825 for a project total not to exceed \$361,828.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding this project, please contact Chris Stempa at 920-832-5945.

Encl: Bid Recommendation Letter and Tabulation

February 18, 2025

Mr. Christopher F. Stempa
Director of Utilities
Appleton Department of Utilities
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Subject: **EVALUATION OF BIDS**
Removable Retaining Wall / Column Storage Improvements
Appleton, Wisconsin
Bid Date of February 18, 2025

Dear Mr. Stempa:

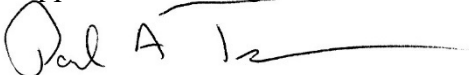
We have completed our evaluation of bids opened on February 18, 2025 for the Removable Retaining Wall / Column Storage Improvements project. A copy of the Tabulation of Bids is attached for your information.

One bid was received for the project. Staab Construction Corp. of Marshfield, Wisconsin submitted a bid price of \$353,000. The engineer's construction estimate, including \$30,000 in project allowances, was \$345,000. This places Staab's bid within 2% of the engineer's estimate.

The bid submitted by Staab contains all the required documentation, including the acknowledgement of addenda, signature and bid security. No bid informalities were noted. Staab is an Appleton prequalified bidder with a long history of performing general construction in Wisconsin, including Appleton's current Belt Filter Press projects – Phases 1 and 2, and numerous other municipal wastewater treatment plant projects. For these reasons, we recommend award of the contract to Staab Construction Corp. for \$353,000.

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

Applied Technologies, Inc.



Paul Traeger, P.E.
Project Manager

/Attachments

TABULATION OF BIDS
Removable Retaining Wall / Column Storage Improvements
City of Appleton, Wisconsin
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 1:45 p.m.

Bidding Contractor	Addenda No. 1 – 2 (✓)		Total Base Bid (\$)	Signature (✓)	Bid Security (✓)
	No. 1	No. 2			
Staab Construction Corp.	✓	✓	\$353,000.00	✓	✓