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SUBJECT: Unit L-21 Sewer and Water Construction in Lightning Drive and Edgewood Drive
Recommendation to Reject All Bids

DATE: April 22, 2021

The Department of Public Works recommends rejecting all bids received on April 19, 2021 for Unit L-21, Sewer and Water Construction in Lightning Drive and Edgewood Drive.

The Department of Public Works received five bids for this project, which has a budget of \$1,538,850.00. The three lowest bids were within budget but were determined by DPW to have used a subcontractor bid for the trenchless utility installation portion of the work that did not comply with the project specifications. The two highest bids appeared to comply with the project specifications but were over budget.

During the bid period, based on conversations with prospective bidders, DPW staff determined potential changes to the project specifications that will still meet the project goals and likely reduce future bid prices to at or below approved budget. Therefore, DPW intends to rebid Unit L-21 in May of 2021, with changes to the trenchless utility installation specifications.