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April 21, 2022

Mr. Kit Perkins, P.E.
Senior Utility Engineer
City of Round Rock
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Round Rock, TX 78664

RE: Water Treatment Plant Pressure Control Valves
Recommendation of Award

Dear Mr. Perkins:

The Water Treatment Plant Pressure Control Valves (WTP PCV) Project was advertised for public bids on February 23 and March 2 in the *Pflugerville Pflag* and on February 24 and March 3 in the *Round Rock Leader*. We also provided the Invitation to Bid to several contractors who we have worked with on previous projects to make certain that general contractors were aware of the project. Plans and specifications were made available to interested parties via CivCast.

On March 10, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. bids for the WTP PCV Project were received and then opened and publicly read aloud at the Utilities and Transportation, Bob Bennett Building, Texas Conference Room at 3400 Sunrise Rd, Round Rock, TX 78665. One bid was received, and the name of the bidder and total project base bid amount is summarized below.

1. PROTA, Inc.	\$1,598,867.00
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A bid tabulation of all the bid items is attached. The apparent low bidder on the project is PROTA, Inc.

All projects bidding in the past several months have experienced lower participation and higher prices than has been the norm in the past several years. Discussing this change with general contractors, we are in a time where it is difficult to find qualified employees and there are rapidly increasing prices for building materials, fabrications and construction subconsultant services. Although the low bid is significantly over the OPCC of \$650,000, we recommend accepting the proposal from PROTA, Inc. instead of re-bidding the project as we do not believe we will receive more interest nor lower prices.

The project contains two pressure control valves and associated piping and instrumentation improvements. One valve will allow a change in operations of the high service pump station at the WTP that will facilitate the painting of the existing Barton Hill Elevated Storage Tank. This valve will





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also serve as a surge relief valve to protect the high service pump station for surge pressures. The second valve will provide the ability to receive BCRUA water at the WTP where it can be pumped to provide water east of IH-35. This increased flexibility will provide additional resilience to the City's water supply and distribution system.

Based on positive past project experience with PROTA, Inc. and the information provided, we believe that PROTA, Inc. can successfully complete the WTP PCV Project as designed and specified. We recommend awarding the WTP PCV project to PROTA, Inc. in the amount of \$1,598,867.00 (base bid).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allen Woelke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Allen Woelke, P.E.
CDM Smith Inc.
TBPE Firm Registration No. F-3043
cc: Chad Johnson, PE, CDM Smith
Kaitlyn Saucedo, City of Round Rock

Attachments Enclosed

