

April 14, 2022

Mr. Mike Gitter, P.E.  
Interim General Manager  
Racine Water & Wastewater Utilities  
City Hall Annex – Room 227  
800 Center Street  
Racine, WI 53403

Re: REBID 42-inch Transmission Water Main Phase 4 Osborne Boulevard to Mound Avenue Project  
W-21-11

Dear Mr. Gitter:

Bids for the above referenced project were received on January 6, 2022, at 10:00 am at the Racine Water & Wastewater Utility. The date for the award of the bids has expired. The Water Commission, at its last meeting deferred action on the bids until the April 19, 2022, meeting. There are certain portions of the Phase 4 work that were considered for construction in 2022. This includes the section of water main in Osborne Boulevard from Haven Avenue to the north side of Kinzie Avenue. It also includes a 200-foot section of water main under Kinzie Avenue that would be underneath 2022 Street improvements planned by Racine Public Works.

It would be improper to award only those portions of the Phase 4 project since over 70 percent or more of the project value is being decreased. We recommend that all bids for the Phase 4 project be rejected. The proposed work in Osborne Boulevard can be added to the Phase 2 contract by change order, which would be done in the May, 2022 Water Commission meeting. As a side note, the contractor for the Phase 2 work is the same contractor that was the low bidder for the Phase 4 work. This makes the creation of the change order simpler to expedite due to the familiarity of the contractor with the work.

If you have any questions on the above, please contact this office at 262-953-4103 or [kward@ruekert-mielke.com](mailto:kward@ruekert-mielke.com)

Respectfully,

RUEKERT & MIELKE, INC.



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