

## Department of Public Works

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Alder. Mollie Jones, Chairperson  
Public Works and Services Committee  
Racine, WI

Dear Alder Jones:

On Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 2:00pm (local time), the Department of Public Works received bids for Contract 2023029 – Racine Public Works Transfer Station and submits the same for your approval. The following bids were received:

Racine Public Works Transfer Station Bid Results				
Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate 1	Alternate 2	Alternate 3
Bukacek Construction	\$4,331,555.00	\$203,861.00	\$148,077.00	\$130,000.00
VJS Construction Services Inc.	\$5,586,569.00	\$265,067.00	\$103,217.00	\$0.00

Alternative descriptions are as follows:

- Alternative 1: Adds the installation of solar panels and associated electrical systems  
Alternative 2: Adds the installation of a stairwell on the north side of the transfer station in order to maintain solar panels  
Alternative 3: Includes the hauling and off-loading of excess impacted (hazardous ground) material to GFL Emerald Park Landfill in Muskego

Staff recommends that Alternatives 1 and 2 not be awarded. The return on investment for this particular system is well over 25 years, which greatly exceeds the service life of the solar powered system. This is based on available data estimated electricity cost and consumption to operate transfer station, bid price, stairs system included for maintenance, etc.

Bukacek Construction submitted the low base bid in the amount of \$4,331,555.00. The engineer's estimate on the project was \$4,200,000. This is a Racine Works Program project. Staff recommends that the contract be awarded to Bukacek Construction based on their base bid of \$4,331,555.00 and their Alternative 3 bid of \$130,000.00, for a total of \$4,461,555.00.

Funding for this work is available in the following account:

Org-Obj 45040 57110 = \$3,300,000.00  
Org-Obj 45050 57110 = \$1,161,555.00

Sincerely,

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Cc: Mayor Cory Mason  
Paul Vornholt  
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