

**City Council
Agenda Memo**



**City Council
Meeting Date: Jun 25, 2015**

TO: Robert Hanna, City Manager
FROM: Rodney Taylor, Interim Director of Water Utilities
SUBJECT: Written Resolution Awarding Bid to Starks Construction Company for the Wastewater Flow Diversion Modifications Project.

GENERAL INFORMATION

On May 8, 2015 the City of Abilene (Abilene) received bids for the Wastewater Flow Diversion Modifications Project CB-1536 (Project). The sole bid was submitted by Starks Construction Company (Starks) of Abilene, TX in the amount of \$222,438. The Engineer, after evaluating the bid submittal and investigating Starks, does recommend awarding the bid to the sole bidder.

Effective June 19, 2013 Abilene entered into a Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative Agreement with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the purpose of reducing the number of sanitary sewer overflows from Abilene's sanitary sewer collection system. The agreement provided a schedule for implementing certain provisions related to collection system management, maintenance, and infrastructure improvements. This project will satisfy Provisions 3.a and 3.b of the Agreement.

The Project is for the replacement of two existing dilapidated diversion junction boxes in two separate locations within the Abilene City limits. Sewer flow diversion structures allow the collection system operator to evaluate flow quantities in large interceptors and adjust diversion gates to direct those flows to the interceptor having the most available capacity. Flow Diversion 1 addresses Provision 3.b and is located about 1,000 feet west of the intersection of Old Anson Road and Anson Avenue in north Abilene. The diversion can be adjusted to pass sewage flows into the older Northside Interceptor or to divert a portion of the sewage flow into the modern 36" Anson Avenue Interceptor. Flow Diversion 2 addresses Provision 3.a and is located near the intersection of Lockheed Way and Wall Street in west Abilene. Diversion 2 can be adjusted to pass sewage flows into the Air Base Interceptor or to divert a portion of the sewage flow into the Little Elm Interceptor. Abilene contracted with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. to prepared design plans and contract documents, to provide general project supervision, and to provide project administration.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Funding for the Project will come from the FY 2015 Water Department annual operating budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Abilene City Council approve the resolution as described above.

ATTACHMENT

Engineer's Letter of Recommendation
Bid Tab Sheet CB-1536
Written Resolution

Prepared by: Name: Rodney Taylor Title: Interim Director	Item No. <u>7.1</u>	Disposition by City Council <input type="checkbox"/> Approved Ord/Res# _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Denied <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ City Secretary
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June 9, 2015

Via Email; Original via Mail

City of Abilene
209 East Highway 80
Abilene, TX 79601
Attn: Mr. Rodney Taylor, Interim Director of Water Utilities

**Re: Recommendation of Award
Wastewater Flow Diversion Modifications
Abilene, Texas**

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Bids for the referenced project were opened on Monday June 8, 2015. A total of one (1) bid in the amount of \$222,438.00 was received from Starks Construction out of Abilene, Texas. Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc. (eHT) has evaluated the responsiveness of Starks Construction for conformity with all material conditions of the Advertisement for Bids and the Information for Bidders and find the bid to be compliant with all bidding requirements. A copy of the Bid Tab has been included for your reference.

In the opinion of eHT, the following factors likely contributed to the limited number of responsive bids for this project:

- Scope of the project. As you are aware, the scope of work for this project is extremely small, including only the installation of two (2) small pre-fabricated flow-diversion structures and the replacement of approximately 560 linear feet of 15-inch sewer pipe.
- At the present time, many utility contractors appear to be backlogged with work and are not "actively searching" for new work, likely limiting interest in smaller projects.

Based on our evaluation, eHT recommends award of the contract to Starks Construction for the Wastewater Flow Diversion Modification Project, as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.

We look forward to working with the City of Abilene as this project moves into the construction phase.

Sincerely,

Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc.

BJ Prichard, P.E.



Attachment: Bid Tabulation
c: Project File: 5768-Task B

Project: Abilene, City of Sewer Outfall Improvements and Maintenance #4 Bidding Phase/Bidding Documents/Task B - Flow Diversion Modification/Order Evaluation/Recommendation of Award.docx
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Enprotec / Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 402 Cedar Street, Abilene, Texas 79601

TABULATION OF BIDS FOR: Wastewater Flow Diversion Modifications, City of Abilene, Texas

BIDS RECEIVED: 06/08/2015

PE Firm Registration No. 1151

Item No	Quantity	Unit	Item	STARKS CONSTRUCTION	
				Unit Cost	Amount
1	1	LS	Mobilization, Insurance and Bonds	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,500.00
2	1	LS	All work to complete demolition, disposal and installation of Flow Diversion No. 1	\$ 62,930.00	\$ 62,930.00
3	1	LS	All work to complete demolition, disposal and installation of Flow Diversion No. 2	\$ 53,068.00	\$ 53,068.00
4	560	LF	All work to complete demolition, disposal of 560 ft of 15" PVC sewer line and install 560 ft of PVC SDR-35 sanitary sewer line, etc.,...	\$ 117.75	\$ 65,940.00
5	1	LS	Allowance for Point Repairs and other legitimate project related issues.	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
TOTAL BASE BID PRICE (Items 1 thru 5)					\$ 222,438.00

I, ROBERT R. PRICHARD, P.E., #101233, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE REFERENCED BIDS WERE RECEIVED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADVERTISED PROCEDURES, OPENED, AND READ ALOUD. THE BID TABULATION HEREIN IS A TRUE AND ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF THE BIDS READ ALOUD.


ROBERT R. PRICHARD, P.E., #101233



6/8/2015

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS,
AWARDING BID TO STARKS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE
WASTEWATER FLOW DIVERSION MODIFICATIONS PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Effective June 19, 2013 the City of Abilene (Abilene) entered into a Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative Agreement (Agreement) with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for the purpose of reducing the number of sanitary sewer overflows from Abilene's sanitary sewer collection system; and

WHEREAS, the agreement provided a schedule for implementing certain provisions related to collection system management, maintenance, and infrastructure improvements, and the Wastewater Flow Diversion Modifications project (Project) will satisfy Provisions 3.a and 3.b of the Agreement stipulating the replacement of two existing flow diversion structures; and

WHEREAS, Sewer flow diversion structures allow the collection system operator to evaluate flow quantities in large interceptors and adjust diversion gates to direct those flows to the interceptor having the most available capacity; and

WHEREAS, Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. was hired by Abilene to develop contract documents, to assist with the bidding process, and to provide general supervision and contract administration during construction; and

WHEREAS, Starks Construction Company (Starks) submitted the sole bid at a price totaling \$222,438, and the Engineer, after evaluating the bid submittal and investigating Starks, does recommend awarding the bid to the sole bidder; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Starks Construction Company for the Wastewater Flow Diversion Modifications Project in the amount of \$222,438.

ADOPTED this 25th day of June, 2015.

ATTEST:

Danette Dunlap, City Secretary

Norman Archibald, Mayor

APPROVED:

T. Daniel Santee, City Attorney