



August 2, 2024

Mr. Jakob Peetz, PE
Project Engineer
Capital Improvements/Engineering
City of San Marcos
630 E. Hopkins St.
San Marcos, TX 78666

RE: Various Drainage Improvements (IFB #223-135) – Bid Recommendation

Dear Mr. Peetz,

The City of San Marcos opened bids for the Various Drainage Improvements Project on June 20th, 2024. There were two contractors that bid on the project, *Rucuba & Maya Construction, LLC* and *Meyers Concrete Construction, LP*. All bids were subject to evaluation for responsiveness, mathematical errors, omissions, and bid irregularities. In addition, the required bid package documents were reviewed for compliance and completeness in accordance with the Invitation for Bid (IFB) and the Construction Documents Project Manual.

Upon review of the bid packages, it was determined that *Rucuba & Maya Construction, LLC* was the low bidder at **\$356,833.00**. Review of their bid package documents identified errors in the Bid Bond Form as well as incorrect contact information for their references. Due to these errors this submittal was deemed non-responsive.

The second lowest bidder was *Meyers Concrete Construction, LP* at **\$508,054.85**. This bid was approximately 40% higher than the low bid and 70% above the Engineers Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (\$298,769). While there were no errors found in their bid tabulation, it was concluded some of the unit bid prices were well above the industry standards and above the published average values for similar local construction projects.

Based on the information provided in the proposals, HDR does not recommend the City of San Marcos award the project.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call me at 210.841.2922.

Sincerely,
HDR Engineering, Inc.

Ron J Branyon, P.E., CFM
Project Manager