



**GENTRY GENERAL ENGINEERING**

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**BID 24-002**

**CIP NO. 502 GREENBELT PEDESTRIAN TRAIL, CIP NO. 604 CITY WIDE ADA IMPROVEMENTS, & CIP NO. 194 ANNUAL STRIPING IMPROVEMENTS**

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to protest the proposals submitted on May 23, 2024 by SDC Engineering Inc and Cook Development Group, Inc. for the *CIP 502 Greenbelt Pedestrian Trail, CIP 604 City Wide ADA Improvements, and CIP 194 Annual Striping Improvements* projects. It is our assessment that the aforementioned bidders are nonresponsive/nonresponsible on the following grounds:

Section III: Instruction to Bidders mandates (page 9) that "the proposal shall be fully executed and submitted on the forms provided by the City" and that Form I: Non-Collusion Declaration "shall be signed and returned to the City with the Bid Proposal." Section III: Instruction to Bidders goes on to clarify (page 12) that "the award of contract, if it be awarded, will be to the lowest responsible Bidder whose proposal complies with all of the requirements prescribed." Having failed to sign and return Form I: Non-Collusion Declaration with their bid proposals, neither SDC Engineering Inc nor Cook Development Group, Inc can be considered the "lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with all of the requirements prescribed," and must both be found nonresponsible.

It is worth noting that a non-collusion declaration constitutes far more than a mere formality; rather, it is a fundamental and indispensable element of any fair public bid. Failure to execute a non-collusion declaration is not a minor oversight, but a universally disqualifying offense. The City's own specification subsection "Disqualification of Bidders" (page 12) concurs, specifically listing any "reason for believing that collusion exists" as grounds for a proposal's rejection.

Thank you,

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