

January 31, 2024

Jason Sorenson  
Utilities Director  
1025 31<sup>st</sup> St. SE  
Minot, ND 58701

**Subject: 16<sup>th</sup> Street Closure Repair Project Bid Review Letter**  
**City Project No. 3673A**  
**HEI Project No. 6027-0087**

Dear Jason:

We have completed our review of the bids received for construction of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Closure Repair project. Please find attached to this letter the bid tabulation for the two sealed bids that were received through the Quest vBid system and ready publicly on January 31, 2024 in a virtual meeting.

The two opened bids were evaluated for conformance with the bidding requirements as listed in the Instructions to Bidders and Bid Form. All of the bids received are summarized in the following table:

Contractor	Bid Total	Amount Greater Than Low Bid
Keller Paving & Landscaping, Inc. Minot, ND	\$ 264,725.00	\$ --
Strata Corporation Grand Forks, ND	\$ 397,540.00	\$ 132,815.00
ENGINEER'S OPCC	\$ 243,790.00	(\$ 20,935.00)

Keller Paving & Landscaping, Inc.

- 1) A valid 5% Bid Bond, Power of Attorney, Corporation Acknowledgement, and Acknowledgement of Surety were uploaded with the bid.
- 2) A valid ND Contractor's License was uploaded with the bid. The license expires on March 1, 2024, so Keller Paving will need to provide an updated license prior to starting the work.
- 3) Addendum #1 was acknowledged by Keller Paving as it's a requirement of the Quest vBid system prior to uploading a bid.
- 4) The Bid Form was properly executed and signed by Dean Keller.
- 5) A list of subcontractors and suppliers was also uploaded with the bid.

Strata Corporation

- 1) A valid 5% Bid Bond, Power of Attorney, Corporation Acknowledgement, and Acknowledgement of Surety were uploaded with the bid.
- 2) A valid ND Contractor's License was uploaded with the bid.
- 3) Addendum #1 was acknowledged by Strata Corporation as it's a requirement of the Quest vBid system prior to uploading a bid.
- 4) A list of subcontractors and suppliers was provided with the bid.
- 5) The Bid Form was properly executed.

Keller Paving's bid is approximately 50 percent lower than the bid submitted by Strata Corporation. The Keller Paving bid is approximately 8.5% higher than HEI's Opinion of Probably Construction Cost for the project. When comparing Keller's bid to the HEI OPCC, the traffic control price came in lower than expected but the concrete pavement removal was higher than expected. Additionally, the floodwall closure stem removal item and replacement item both came in higher than anticipated most likely due to the labor intensive process required of the work.

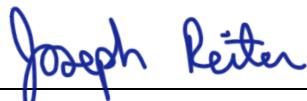
The basis for our award recommendation includes criteria for bidder "responsiveness" and "responsibility". Based on our bid review, and in accordance with Article 18 of the Instructions to Bidders, Keller Paving and Landscaping, Inc. of Minot, ND submitted the lowest responsive bid. Therefore, HEI recommends award of the contract to Keller Paving for the bid price of \$264,725.00. After concurrence of the contract award by the Minot City Council, Houston Engineering, Inc. will provide a completed Notice of Award for execution by Mayor Tom Ross followed by delivery to the Contractor with the agreement, bonds, and insurance documents for execution.

The Notice to Proceed will be discussed at the preconstruction conference, and issuance will be contingent upon the satisfactory completion and submission of the contract documents by the Contractor and the City's legal counsel review.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at (701) 852-7931 or by e-mail at [jreiter@houstoneng.com](mailto:jreiter@houstoneng.com).

Sincerely,

HOUSTON ENGINEERING, INC.



Joseph Reiter, PE  
Project Engineer

**BID TABULATION**  
**City of Minot 16th Street Closure Repair Project**  
**HEI Project 6027-0087**  
**City of Minot Project No. 3673A**

**Engineer:** **Houston Engineering, Inc.**  
**3900 13th Avenue SE**  
**Minot, ND 58701**  
**Phone (701) 852-7931**

**Bid Opening: January 31, 2024**  
**Time: 11:00 am**

				Engineer's OPCC		Keller Paving & Landscaping, Inc.		Strata Corporation	
<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Unit Cost</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
1	Mobilization/Demobilization/Bonds/Insurance	LS	1	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00
2	Temporary Traffic Control	LS	1	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 21,700.00	\$ 21,700.00	\$ 36,500.00	\$ 36,500.00
3	Remove Concrete Pavement (All Thicknesses)	SY	146	\$ 30.00	\$ 4,380.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 21,900.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 35,040.00
4	Remove Concrete Curb and Gutter (All Types)	LF	27	\$ 30.00	\$ 810.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,700.00
5	Floodwall Closure Stem Removal	LS	1	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 93,150.00	\$ 93,150.00	\$ 65,500.00	\$ 65,500.00
6	Floodwall Closure Stem Replacement	LS	1	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 83,700.00	\$ 83,700.00	\$ 89,000.00	\$ 89,000.00
7	8" Concrete Pavement	SY	146	\$ 160.00	\$ 23,360.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 21,170.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 54,750.00
8	Type 1 Concrete Curb & Gutter	LF	27	\$ 120.00	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 1,755.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 4,050.00
<b>BID SCHEDULE TOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 243,790.00</b>		<b>\$ 264,725.00</b>		<b>\$ 397,540.00</b>