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April 9, 2024

City of Minot  
Attn: Chris Plank, Disaster Recovery Grant Administrator  
10 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue SW  
P.O. Box 5006  
Minot, North Dakota 58702

Subject: 309 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE Structure Demolition and Site Restoration – Project No. 3755.22

Dear Mr. Plank:

On April 5, 2024, bids were received for the 309 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE Structure Demolition and Site Restoration Project. At the bid opening, two (2) bids were received from the following companies:

- Hanson's Excavating, Inc., Minot, ND
- Dig It Up Backhoe Service, Inc., Minot, ND

The base bids varied from a high of \$114,000.00 to a low of \$32,400.00. The apparent low bid was submitted by Dig It Up Backhoe Service, Inc., and it was determined that their bid contained the required attachments and documentation and was considered acceptable for further review. A detailed review, which included a bid tabulation, was conducted and it confirmed that Dig It Up Backhoe Service, Inc. was the lowest responsive bidder. The bid of \$32,400.00 is \$24,600.00 below the engineer estimate of \$57,000.00. The low bid is 43.5% lower than the engineer estimate.

CDM Smith checked the System for Award Management website, and it was confirmed that Dig It Up Backhoe Service, Inc. is registered with no active exclusions or debarment status. In addition, a background investigation was conducted and there were no findings of concern.

Therefore, Dig It Up Backhoe Service, Inc. is considered the lowest responsive bidder for this project.





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Based on the above information, CDM Smith recommends that the contract be awarded to Dig It Up Backhoe Service, Inc.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin Redding".

Justin Redding  
CDM Smith Inc.