

Indian River County, Florida
Department of Utility Services
Board Memorandum

Date: September 19, 2019
To: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
From: Vincent Burke, PE, Director of Utility Services
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Subject: Bid Rejection - North WWTF Headworks Piping Reconfiguration, Bid No. 2019063

Description and Conditions:

On July 25, 2019, bids were received for the North Wastewater Treatment Facility (NWWTF) headworks piping change and reconfiguration project. The project included the conversion of the 12-inch force main to a 24-inch force main at the headworks in order to resolve higher head pressures experienced in the existing forcemain.

Analysis:

The engineer's opinion of probable cost for the project was estimated at \$85,000.00.

Three (3) prospective bidders attended the pre-bid meeting that was held June 4, 2019. One (1) bid from TLC Diversified, Inc., was received for a total sum amount of \$363,200.00, which was \$278,200.00, or 327%, over the budgeted amount. Staff feels that in order to ensure the county receives competitive bids for the subject project, the most appropriate action is the rejection of this bid and to re-advertise at a later date. The lack of participation and higher than anticipated cost could possibly be attributed to the complexity of the temporary by-pass of the raw wastewater.

Funding:

Funding will not be required at this time.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the rejection of the bid submitted by TLC Diversified, Inc., in response to Invitation to Bid No. 2019063, and that the Board of County Commissioners authorize staff to reevaluate the design and re-advertise at a later date.