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Guarionex De Los Santos
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City of Sunrise Utilities and Capital Projects
777 Sawgrass Corporate Parkway
Sunrise, FL 33325

Re: Sawgrass WWTP DAF Thickening Process Improvements – Phase 1
Bid Price Review - Bid No.: 25-65-06-CM

Dear Mr. De Los Santos:

The Sawgrass Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) Thickening Process Improvements Project was advertised by the City of Sunrise (City) on August 29, 2025. The bid opening was held on October 8, 2025, at 2:00 pm. The City received two bids for this project: RF Environmental Services, Inc. and Razorback, LLC. The apparent low bidder is RF Environmental Services, Inc. in the amount of $2,593,900.

The Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (EOPCC) is $1,544,000. It is noted that this EOPCC was provided in April 2025, six months prior to the bid opening, with costs obtained in 2023 and updated using the Engineer News Record Indices.

The largest cost discrepancy is for: Steel Canopy for the West and East Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) units and West and East DAF Upper Skimmer Systems and Appurtenances (Bid Items 2, 3,11 and 12). The cost difference between the EOPCC and the apparent low bidder for bid items 2 and 3 combined, and for bid items 11 and 12 combined, is $418,000 and $695,000, respectively.

The combined total of all bid items for the apparent low bidder, excluding bid items 2, 3, 11, and 12, is 16% lower than the EOPCC, with totals of $327,900 and $391,000, respectively.

The price differences as they relate to steel canopies and skimmer systems can be attributed to the following factors which can be difficult to capture in an EOPCC.

- Ongoing variability in metals markets introduced additional risks that bidders may have accommodated in their proposals. Moreover, limited competition and a constrained vendor pool can further increase pricing pressure.
- Vendors may account for significant escalation in material pricing, compounded by a 52-week project duration with a 30-week material lead time that heightens exposure to market volatility. Bidders may have priced in the risk of liquidated damages associated with potential schedule delays, as well as uncertainty around future tariffs, particularly for stainless steel, which can materially affect final costs.

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Therefore, due to ongoing price volatility from tariffs and other factors as noted above in the construction industry, the prices were reviewed and found reasonable.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist the City with this important project. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Very truly yours,



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