



Carter & Sloope
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

November 8, 2017

City of Blue Ridge
Honorable Donna Whitener
480 West 1st Street
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

SUBJECT: Blue Ridge, Georgia
FY 2016 CDBG- Water System Improvements
To Serve the Orchard Boulevard Neighborhood
C&S Project No.: B7970.007

Dear Mayor Whitener:

As you are aware, bids were received and opened for the above subject project on October 26, 2017 at 11:00 am. A total of three (3) responsive bids were received out of the four (4) companies listed on the plan-holders list. The Renee Group, Inc. with a base bid of \$505,719.80 was determined to be the low bidder. We have checked and tabulated the base bids received as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Base Bid</u>	<u>% Over Low Bid</u>
1. The Renee Group, Inc.	\$505,719.80	---
2. Holloway Trenching, LLC	\$559,588.35	10.7%
3. Mullins Utility & Contracting, LLC	\$669,792.70	32.4%

As required in the bid documents, the low bidder submitted with her bid a 10% bid bond from the Berkley Insurance Company, a surety company listed in the U.S. Treasury Circular #570. Berkley Insurance Company is shown as being licensed in the state of Georgia with an underwriting limitation that is greater than the bond amount. Berkley Insurance Company has a current A.M. Best rating of "A" which meets the requirements of the contract documents.

In order to maintain the original project budget of \$500,000 for construction (including contingencies), it is recommended that Alternative Bid Item 3 (non-domestic ductile iron fittings) is substituted for Base Bid Item 13 (domestic ductile iron fittings). Based on discussion with City officials and after a review of the qualifications submitted, Carter & Sloope has provided a Notice of Award to be utilized and executed by the City of Blue Ridge with the low bid contractor, The Renee Group, Inc. Accounting for the above stated changes, the resulting contract price will be \$499,347.80.

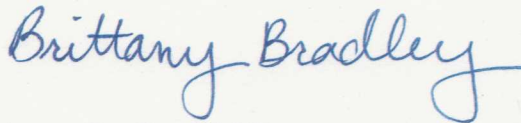
We are enclosing one (1) copy of the "Bid Opening Form", "Bid Opening Attendance", and the certified "Bid Tabulation" for your records. We are also enclosing four (4) copies

of the Notice of Award for this project. Please execute all four (4) copies of the Notice of Award and return them to our office as soon as possible. We will prepare four (4) originals of the Agreement and forward them to you when the Contractor has executed the Agreement and delivered all the necessary Payment and Performance Bonds and Certificates of Insurance.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please call us.

Sincerely,

CARTER & SLOOPE, INC.



Brittany Bradley, E.I.T.

Encl: Bid Opening Form – 1 copy
Bid Opening Attendance – 1 copy
Certified Bid Tabulation – 1 copy
Notice of Award – 4 copies

Cc: Mrs. Rebecca Harkins, City of Blue Ridge (w/ 1 copy of each)
Mrs. Kelsey Ledford, City of Blue Ridge (w/ 1 copy of each)
Ms. Angela Steedley, The Steedley Firm, Inc. (w/ 1 copy of each)
Ms. Shelitha Robertson, The Renee Group, Inc. (w/ 1 copy of each)
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