



January 14, 2021

Andy Schultz
City Engineer for Utilities
Sent via email: SchultzA@ci.missoula.mt.us

Re: Shakespeare Water Main Replacement
City of Missoula Project #2020-039
Bid Award Recommendation

Dear Andy:

We have reviewed the bids received on Thursday, January 13th for the Shakespeare Water Main Replacement Project. A total of four bids were received and all bidders were responsive.

The bids ranged from \$269,173.00 to \$281,643.00, with the engineer's estimate at \$247,440.00. While the bids were all above the engineer's estimate for the project, we feel the bids represent fair current values.

The low bidder for the project was Mytty Excavating, Inc. dba Western Excavating with a total bid of **\$269,173.00**. One bid irregularity was noted, as Western Excavating acknowledged two addendums on their signed bid form. However, Western Excavating acknowledged the proper addendum 1 through the QuestCDN bidding system. We feel this is a minor bid irregularity that would not result in rejection of the bid. WGM Group has no objection awarding the project to Western Excavating based on their past performance on City of Missoula water main projects.

Based on our review, WGM Group, Inc. recommends that the City of Missoula authorize award of the Shakespeare Water Main Replacement Project to Western Excavating.

Sincerely,
WGM Group, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan L. Gass', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jonathan L. Gass, PE, LEED AP
PRINCIPAL ENGINEER

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