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August 28, 2018

Mr. Anthony Ruggiero
City Administrator
City of Beacon
1 Municipal Plaza
Beacon NY 12508

RE: City of Beacon
Rehabilitation of Beekman Street Bridge over Metro-North Railroad
Review of Bids

Dear Mr. Ruggiero:

Modjeski and Masters has reviewed the bid for the subject project and offers the comments below. Please note that a review of meeting advertisement requirements or bidder responsibility is not the subject of our review.

1. A total of one (1) bid was received. The bid period was extended twice and several contractors were directly solicited to submit bids in order to get this single bid. The Contractor did know that there was no competition based on his review of the plan holders list available at the City Building Dept.
2. The apparent low bid of \$187,540.00 received from A. Servidone/B. Anthony Construction JV (ASIBACC) was 72% greater than the \$109,000 Engineer's Estimate provided to the City of Beacon as part of the bid package.
3. I spoke with Mr. Vince Mazzone of ASIBACC following the bid opening to solicit his input regarding the bid price. Mr. Mazzone stated that the small quantities of materials and the small size of the job in general were the primary causes of the higher than anticipated bid price.
4. I have also spoken with Mr. Michael Manzi, City of Beacon Highway Superintendent. He stated that an additional contractor contacted him regarding the project and chose not to submit a bid due to the small size of the project.
5. A post bid inspection of the Beekman St. bridge joints has shown significant deterioration of the joint in the past year since the initial repair sketches were provided to the City. Mr. Manzi confirmed this observation in our telephone conversation.
6. Asphalt repairs to the bridge joints may improve the riding surface for the travelling public in the near term and make the deficiencies less obvious but will in all likelihood not last even as long as previous repairs.

In light of the information above it is our recommendation that the City of Beacon move forward and accept the bid price offered by ASIBACC if the additional cost can be added to the construction budget. The cost of maintaining the bridge joints over the winter and the possibility of not getting a substantially lower bid price with a re-bid are additional factors to be considered when weighing acceptance of the higher than expected bid price. An alternative to accepting



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this bid would be to re-advertise the project over the winter and hope to receive competitive bids for spring construction. A general recommendation for any potential re-advertisement and future heavy highway type construction projects would be to advertise in the New York State Contract Reporter, a resource available to NYS government entities and non-profit organizations. If you have any questions regarding this review or our recommendations, please do not hesitate to call.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas A. Cole', is written over a horizontal line.

Thomas A. Cole, P.E.
Associate