

June 27, 2025

Via: E-Mail

Bryan Cabrera, P.E.  
Traffic Engineer  
City of Mesquite  
1515 N. Galloway Ave.  
Mesquite, Texas 75149

**Re: Contractor Recommendation**

Utility Relocation for CSJ: 0095-02-096  
US 80 at Beltline Road – CCN 2025-101  
City of Mesquite  
Project No. 1079.0000

Dear Bryan Cabrera, P.E.:

On June 18, 2025, the City of Mesquite received two (2) bids for the above-mentioned project. Based on my review of the Bidder's Qualification Information, the tabulated low total bid of \$1,228,052.55, and phone interviews I have conducted with two (2) representatives associated with other projects constructed by the contractor, it is my recommendation that the City of Mesquite award the contract to J & L Construction, LLC.

In checking project references for J & L Construction, LLC, I communicated with one (1) Project Manager for a utility district concerning small diameter water line relocations the contractor performed in multiple locations. The reference explained there were no issues during construction, the contractor stayed on schedule, and that he would use the contractor again. Another reference is an engineer with a consulting firm who explained the contractor is approximately 70% complete with construction of a project similar to the US 80 at Beltline Road project. The project includes 16" water line replacement and 24" water line replacement by bore with 36" casing pipe, along with sanitary sewer and force main replacement with segments by bore as well. The reference indicated that the contractor has coordinated, communicated, and performed well thus far and that the city (project owner) is pleased at this point.

It should be noted that J & L Construction, LLC submitted a bid that is over \$1.5M lower than the next lowest bid. In reviewing the contractor's Workers Compensation Experience Rating, the Experience Modification Rate (EMR), which is based on a company's historical cost of injuries and future risk chances, is 0.87 as of 4/27/2025. An EMR of 1.0 indicates a company is said to be no more or no less risky than another in the same industry. As such, J & L Construction would be described as having a lower-than-average risk. Insurance rates are generally based on this EMR.

With all these factors in mind, and provided the contractor furnishes satisfactory payment and performance bonds in accordance with the Contract Documents, I recommend awarding the project to J & L Construction, LLC. I also recommend careful review of the contractor's trench safety plan they are required to submit for review prior to construction and ensure the City's inspectors work closely with the contractor to ensure the implementation of the approved plan including continual evaluation of its effectiveness and need for revisions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 972-644-2800.

Regards,

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