



**ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**  
**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

December 9, 2024

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

From: Michael J. Quinn, PE, Senior Distribution Engineer

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Subject: Contract W-030  
Water System Improvements  
36 & 42-inch Transmission Main Replacement Project  
Town of Amherst  
ECWA Project No. 201800074

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On Tuesday, November 19, 2024, the Authority received two (2) bids for the above-referenced contract. The bids have been reviewed, a mathematical check has been performed, and the apparent low bidder, Concrete Applied Technologies Corp. d/b/a CATCO. (CATCO), was found acceptable.

CATCO is an established contractor for the Authority who has worked on numerous ECWA contracts, performing work of similar nature in a competent, reliable, and acceptable manner. They have demonstrated a good understanding of the scope and requirements for this contract.

The total Engineer's estimate for the contract was \$10,995,100.00. The bid submitted by CATCO is \$14,783,120.00. While this difference appears fairly large, given the lack of similar projects with which to compare prices, the uncertainty during design of costs associated with working on National Grid property, the current construction market, contractor availability, material availability, and pricing volatility, both the consultant and the Engineering Department believe that the cost remains reasonable.

CATCO has provided adequate MWBE documentation, approved by EEO Compliance Officer, insurance, approved by Claims Representative/Risk Manager, and proof of apprenticeship program, approved by the Coordinator of Employee Relations.

We, therefore, recommend the award of the above referenced contract to Concrete Applied Technologies Corp. d/b/a CATCO in the amount of \$14,783,120.00 for the Board's consideration and, if approved, for the Chairman to execute.

**Budget Information (2025 Construction):**

Unit: 2595 Engineering/Construction Transmission Mains  
Item: 101362 W-030 Transmission Main Replacement

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Due to the size of the project and long lead times for much of the materials, construction will not be completed until 2026 and as such, the 2026 ECWA capital budget request will include funding for the balance of the project.

Attached please find the following documents:

1. ECWA Authorization Form.
2. ECWA Recommendation for Award of Contract form.
3. Letter of recommendation from Wendel (Consultant for this project) dated December 3, 2024 and Bid Tabulation.

MJQ:jmf

Attachments

cc: L.Kowalski, PE

L.Lester

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ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
 AUTHORIZATION FORM  
 For Approval/Execution of Documents  
 (check which apply)

**Contract:** W-030 **Project No.:** 201800074  
**Project Description:** Water System Improvements, 36 and 42-inch Transmission Main Replacement Project, Town of Amherst.

**Item Description:**




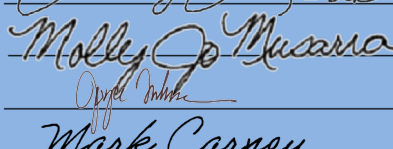

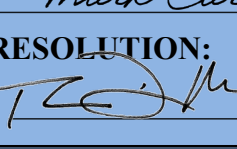

Agreement     Professional Service Contract     Amendment     Change Order  
 BCD     NYSDOT Agreement     Contract Documents     Addendum  
 Recommendation for Award of Contract     Recommendation to Reject Bids  
 Request for Proposals  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Action Requested:**


Board Authorization to Execute     Legal Approval  
 Board Authorization to Award     Execution by the Chairman  
 Board Authorization to Advertise for Bids     Execution by the Secretary to the Authority  
 Board Authorization to Solicit Request for Proposals  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Approvals Needed:**

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sr. Distribution Engineer		Date: <u>12/9/2024</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Operating Officer		Date: <u>12/09/2024</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Engineer		Date: <u>12/9/2024</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Administration		Date: <u>12/09/2024</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Manager		Date: <u>12/9/2024</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Financial Officer		Date: <u>12/09/2024</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal		Date: <u>12/9/2024</u>

**APPROVED FOR BOARD RESOLUTION:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary to the Authority		Date: <u>12-9-2024</u>
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**Remarks:** Unit price contract. Pending Receipt of Builders Risk Insurance. MJM

**Resolution Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Item No:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT**

Contract: W-030 Project No.: 201800074  
 Project Description: Water System Improvements  
36 & 42-inch Transmission Main Replacement Project  
Town of Amherst

**CONTRACT AWARD**

Contractor/Supplier: Concrete Applied Technologies Corp. d/b/a CATCO  
 Award Amount: \$14,783,120.00

**BID SUMMARY:**

Date Advertised for Bids: <u>10/15/2024</u>	Date of Bid Opening <u>11/19/2024</u>
Bidder	Total Bid Amount
<u>Concrete Applied Technologies Corp d/b/a CATCO</u>	<u>\$14,783,120.00</u>
<u>Kandey Company, Inc.</u>	<u>\$17,953,425.00</u>
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Attachments:  Bid Tabulation  Consultant's Recommendation

**APPROVALS (Select applicable)**

**WMBE APPROVAL**

No Waiver  
 Full Waiver  
 Partial Waiver  
 EEO Compliance Officer *Savanya Lester* Date 12/09/2024

**INSURANCE APPROVAL**

Claims Rep/Risk Manager *Molly Op Musana* Date 12/5/2024

**NYS CERTIFIED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPROVAL**

Coordinator of Employee Relations *[Signature]* Date 12/05/2024

Remarks: Unit price contract.  
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December 3, 2024

Mr. Michael Quinn, PE  
 Erie County Water Authority  
 23030 Union Road  
 Cheektowaga, New York 14227

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD  
 ERIE COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
 WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS - 36 & 42-INCH  
 TRANSMISSION MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
 CONTRACT NO. W-030  
 ECWA PROJECT NO. 201800074  
 WENDEL PROJECT NO. 239839**

Dear Mr. Quinn:

Bids on the above referenced project were received and opened on November 19, 2024, in accordance with the Notice to Bidders previously authorized.

The bids submitted were recorded as follows:

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Concrete Applied Technologies Corp. DBA CATCO	\$ 14,783,120.00
Kandey Company, Inc.	\$ 17,953,425.00

Wendel conducted a phone interview with Concrete Applied Technologies Corp. DBA CATCO to confirm their understanding of the requirements of this project. Their responses were satisfactory. Based upon these findings, it is our opinion that Concrete Applied Technologies Corp. DBA CATCO is the lowest responsible bidder for this project.

Wendel has reviewed the Contract Documents and the information provided by Concrete Applied Technologies Corp. DBA CATCO. Based on this review we recommend award of the Base Bid to Concrete Applied Technologies Corp. DBA CATCO 1266 Townline Road, Alden, New York 14004 in the amount of \$14,783,120.00 pending Erie County Water Authority Attorney review.

Sincerely,

Wendel

Robert D. Klavoon, PE  
 Project Manager

