




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

July 25, 2023

To: Terrence D. McCracken, Secretary to the Authority

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

Subject: Contract MP-090-E  
Sturgeon Point WTP Filtration Piping, Valve, and Underdrain System Improvements  
(Electrical)  
ECWA Project No. 202200014

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On Thursday, June 22, 2023, the Authority received one (1) bid for the above referenced contract. The bid has been reviewed, a mathematical check has been performed, and the apparent low bidder, O'Connell Electric Company, Inc. (O'Connell), was found acceptable.

O'Connell 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 \$5,893,800.00. The bid submitted by O'Connell is \$4,719,000.00, approximately 19.9% below the estimated amount. While only one bid was received for this project, we find this bid to be reasonable given the current construction market, contractor availability and material availability and pricing. The specifications were clear, adequate competition was solicited, and it was assumed that more than one bid would be submitted.

O'Connell has provided adequate MWBE documentation, approved by Director of Administration, insurance, approved by Claims Representative/Risk Manager, and proof of apprenticeship program, approved by the Coordinator of Employee Relations.

We, therefore, recommend award of the above referenced contract to O'Connell Electric Company, Inc. in the amount of \$4,719,000.00.

**Budget Information (2023 Construction):**

Unit: 2510 Engineering/Construction Sturgeon Point  
Item 101506 Filter Gallery Piping Design

This is a multi-year contract for which additional funds will be budgeted in subsequent years based on project cash flow projections.

Attached please find the following documents:

1. ECWA Authorization Form.
2. ECWA Recommendation for Award of Contract form.
3. Letter of recommendation from Arcadis, dated July 7, 2023, and Bid Tabulation.

MJQ:jmf

Attachments

cc: L.Kowalski

L.Lester

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

<b>Contract:</b> <u>MP-090-E</u>	<b>Project No.:</b> <u>202200014</u>
<b>Project Description:</b> <u>Sturgeon Point WTP Filtration Piping, Valve, and Underdrain System Improvements (Electrical)</u>	

**Item Description:**

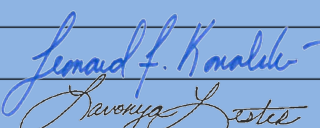

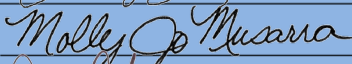


<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Service Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Change Order
<input type="checkbox"/> BCD	<input type="checkbox"/> NYSDOT Agreement	<input type="checkbox"/> Contract Documents	<input type="checkbox"/> Addendum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recommendation for Award of Contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation to Reject Bids		
<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Proposals			
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			

**Action Requested:**


<input type="checkbox"/> Board Authorization to Execute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal Approval
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Authorization to Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Execution by the Chairman
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Authorization to Advertise for Bids	<input type="checkbox"/> Execution by the Secretary to the Authority
<input type="checkbox"/> Board Authorization to Solicit Request for Proposals	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

**Approvals Needed:**

**APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sr. Distribution Engineer		Date: <u>7/25/2023</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Chief Operating Officer	_____	Date: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive Engineer		Date: <u>08/07/2023</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director of Administration		Date: <u>07/25/2023</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Risk Manager		Date: <u>7/25/2023</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Financial Officer		Date: <u>07/25/2023</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legal		Date: <u>7/25/2023</u>

**APPROVED FOR BOARD RESOLUTION:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary to the Authority		Date: <u>08/07/2023</u>
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**Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Resolution Date:</b> _____	<b>Item No:</b> _____
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July 7, 2023

Leonard Kowalski, PE  
Executive Engineer  
Erie County Water Authority  
3030 Union Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14227-1097

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50 Fountain Plaza  
Suite 600  
Buffalo  
New York 14202  
Tel 716 667 0900  
Fax 716 842 2612  
www.arcadis.com

Subject: Contract No. MP-090-E  
ECWA Project No.: 202200014  
Sturgeon Point Water Treatment Plant Filtration Piping, Valve, and Underdrain System Improvements  
Recommendation Regarding Award of Construction Contract

Dear Mr. Kowalski,

Bids for the above-referenced Project were received by the Erie County Water Authority (Authority) and opened on June 22, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the ECWA Service Center. This letter presents our recommendations relative to award of the Project's Electrical Construction Contract. Overall, it appears that the Bid received is similar to the amount of the Engineer's opinion of probable construction cost and thus is consistent with the Authority's budgeting expectations.

Bids were received from the following contractors:

- O'Connell Electric Company, Inc.

Enclosed is a tabulation of the Bid received . The Bid is valid for a period of 45 days from date of the Bid opening (i.e., through August 6, 2023).

## Publicity of Project

In addition to the Authority's Invitation to Bid, Arcadis of New York, Inc. (Arcadis) made significant efforts to engage prospective Bidders regarding this Project. Arcadis furnished copies of the Bidding Documents and other information to Avalon Document Services (the Issuing Office).

Arcadis e-mailed numerous electrical contractors that have submitted bids for similar work on previous public works projects in western New York.

## Electrical Contract

**Bid Items:** This Contract includes a base bid only, without alternative bid items.

**Bid Evaluation and Responsiveness:** The apparent low Bid was submitted by O'Connell Construction Company, Inc. of Victor, New York. We have evaluated O'Connell's Bid and determined it to be mathematically correct. O'Connell's Bid appears to comply with the requirements of the Bidding Documents.

Leonard Kowalski, PE  
Erie County Water Authority  
July 7, 2023

**Bidder Responsibility:** The Authority has had extensive experience with O'Connell, who have successfully completed numerous construction projects for the Authority in the past. Arcadis has verified O'Connell's listed experience and has determined that they have the qualifications and project understanding to complete the work included in Contract MP-090-E.

## Comparison with Budget

The Engineer's opinion of probable cost was \$5,893,800.00 (after Addendum No.1 and Addendum No.2) for the Electrical Contract. The price bid by the apparent low responsive and responsible Bidder for the prime construction contract is \$4,719,000.00.

**The total price bid by the apparent low Bidder for the Electrical Construction Contract is less than the corresponding Engineer's opinion of probable bid pricing.** Because sufficient funds appear to be available, we recommend that the Authority award the construction contract and proceed with implementing the Project's construction phase.

## Recommendations

We recommend the following:

1. Because O'Connell submitted the lowest-priced, responsive, and responsible Bid for the Electrical Contract, subject to review and approval by the Authority, we recommend awarding the Electrical Contract to O'Connell Electric Company, Inc., 830 Phillips Road, Victor, NY 14564, as the Successful Bidder, in the total amount of \$4,719,000.00.
2. The Contract award should be contingent upon the Successful Bidder furnishing acceptably-executed Contract Documents and acceptable insurance, performance bond, and maintenance bond.
3. Upon the Authority's receipt of acceptable insurance, performance bond, maintenance bond, and signed originals of the Contract Documents from the Successful Bidder, the Authority should execute the Contract Documents and Notice to Proceed. After subsequently executing the Contract Documents and Notice to Proceed, the Authority should distribute the executed original Contract Documents and Notice to Proceed to each of the following: Authority, Contractor, and Engineer.

Leonard Kowalski, PE  
Erie County Water Authority  
July 7, 2023

Should you have questions or comments, please contact me at 716 667 6670.

Sincerely,

Arcadis of New York, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel Seider". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan Seider, PE  
Project Manager

Email: [daniel.seider@arcadis.com](mailto:daniel.seider@arcadis.com)

Electronic Copies  
Michael Quinn, ECWA  
Michael Wymer, ECWA  
Tim Shafer, Arcadis of New York

**TABULATION OF BIDS**



OWNER: Erie County Water Authority  
Buffalo, New York

Date Advertised:  
Date Opened:

May 9, 2023  
June 22, 2023

Prepared By: TCS  
Checked By: DJS

PROJECT: Sturgeon Point Water Treatment Plant Filtration Piping, Valve, and Underdrain System Improvements

Date Tabulated:  
Arcadis Project No.:  
ECWA Project No.:

June 23, 2023  
30076280  
202100111

Arcadis of New York, Inc.  
50 Fountain Plaza, Suite 360  
Buffalo, New York 14202

**General Contract - MP-090-E**

Bidders' Name & Contact Info.

		Engineers Opinion Of Probable Construction Cost	O'Connell Electric Company, Inc. 830 Phillips Road, Victor, NY 14564 Phone: (585) 924-2176
ITEM NUMBER	ITEM DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT BID	AMOUNT BID
1	Electrical Construction-Lump Sum	\$5,125,500.00	\$3,950,700.00
2	Assigned Procurement Contract MP-090-P05-Unit Substations-Cash Allowance	\$663,300.00	\$663,300.00
3	Miscellaneous Repair Work-Contingency Allowance	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
4	Miscellaneous Demolition Work-Contingency Allowance	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
5	Unanticipated Hazardous Material Abatement-Contingency Allowance	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	\$5,893,800.00	\$4,719,000.00
	BID BOND AMOUNT		5% of Bid Amount - \$1,392,550.00
	SURETY COMPANY		Liberty Mutual Insurance Company

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

Contract: MP-090-E Project No.: 202200014  
 Project Description: Sturgeon Point WTP Filtration Piping, Valve, and Underdrain System Improvements (Electrical).

**CONTRACT AWARD**

Contractor/Supplier: O'Connell Electric Company, Inc.  
 Award Amount: \$4,719,000.00

**BID SUMMARY:**

Date Advertised for Bids: 05/09/2023 Date of Bid Opening 06/22/2023

Bidder	Total Bid Amount
<u>O'Connell Electric Company, Inc.</u>	<u>\$4,719,000.00</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 Lentes* Date 07/24/2023

**INSURANCE APPROVAL**

Claims Rep/Risk Manager *Molly Op Musarra* Date 07/19/2023

**NYS CERTIFIED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM APPROVAL**

Coordinator of Employee Relations *[Signature]* Date 07/19/2023

Remarks: . Lump sum  
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