

May 18, 2023

Mayor and Council
Borough of Wenonah
1 Southwest Avenue
Wenonah, NJ 08090

RE: Review of Bid Documents & Recommendation for Award
2023 Borough of Wenonah Infrastructure Improvement Project
Roadway Improvements to N. Clinton Avenue, from Elm Street to Maple Street
(2022 NJDOT Municipal Aid)
Reconstruction & Drainage Improvements to N. Jefferson Ave., from Mantua Ave. to Buttonwood St.
(2022 NJDOT Local Aid Infrastructure)
Water Main Replacement in N. Clinton Avenue, from Poplar Street to Buttonwood Street
(Borough Capital)
Roadway Improvements to East Maple Street, from Princeton Avenue to Synnot Avenue
(Borough Capital)
Borough of Wenonah
Project Number WNOE074

Dear Mayor and Council:

Bids were received and opened at the Borough Municipal Building on May 17, 2023 for the 2023 Borough of Wenonah Infrastructure Improvement Project. A total of eight (8) bids were received for this project out of the eight (8) Contractors who obtained the bid documents.

The three (3) low bidders for this project are as follows:

BIDDER	BASE BID #1	BASE BID #2	BASE BID #3	ALT. BID #1	ALT. BID #2	TOTAL BID AMOUNT
Earle Asphalt Co.	\$421,613.13	\$455,600.00	\$224,800.00	\$36,900.00	\$135,100.00	\$1,274,013.13
Landberg Construction, LLC	\$440,918.86	\$450,487.45	\$244,955.50	\$63,550.00	\$112,820.00	\$1,312,731.81
South State Inc.	\$464,428.72	\$479,360.30	\$259,699.00	\$53,446.00	\$131,890.00	\$1,388,824.02

In reviewing the bid results, please note that the following as it pertains to the scope of each of the bids provided above:

- 1. Base Bid #1** depicts the full scope of the NJDOT funded roadway reconstruction in North Clinton Avenue.
- 2. Base Bid #2** depicts the full scope of the NJDOT funded roadway reconstruction and drainage improvements in North Jefferson Avenue.

3. **Base Bid #3** reflects the costs for Water Main Replacement in North Clinton Avenue.
4. **Alternate Bid #1** reflects the costs for Roadway Improvements to East Maple Street, from Princeton Avenue to Woodbury-Glassboro Rd.
6. **Alternate Bid #2** reflects the costs for the potential replacement of existing lead containing water services with new copper water services in North Clinton Avenue and in North Jefferson Avenue. *It should be noted that this work is an NJDEP requirement.*

Based upon the above, the apparent low bidder for the 2023 Borough of Wenonah Infrastructure Improvement Project, including Alternate Bid #'s 1 & 2, is Earle Asphalt Company, in the amount of \$1,274,013.13. It should be noted that the bid submitted by Earle Asphalt Company is below the Engineer's Estimate of \$1,314,982.44 by approximately 3%.

Due to a concern regarding the low bidder's unit pricing, our office has contacted Earle Asphalt Company's Project Manager to discuss his bidding method and we are now satisfied that our concerns will not be an issue during construction. In addition, we have checked Earle Asphalt Company's references and reviewed their project history and qualifications. Based upon our research and in accordance with the bid submitted, we recommend that 2023 Borough of Wenonah Infrastructure Improvement Project, including all three (3) Base Bids and both Alternate Bids, be awarded to Earle Asphalt Company in the amount of \$1,274,013.13, contingent upon the certification of funds.

By approving the Award of Contract as described above, it should be noted that Earle Asphalt Company's bid amount of \$877,213.13, for all of the NJDOT Funded Improvements is greater than the sum of NJDOT grant allotments (\$640,000). As a result, the Borough shall be financially responsible for all construction costs in excess of \$640,000, as well as all construction inspection fees generated by our office.

For your reference, enclosed please find the "Bid Tally Sheet" which lists each of the bidders and their respective breakdowns for the proposed work. In addition, we have included copies of the three lowest (3) bidders' documents for Borough Record Information.

Furthermore, we have delivered copies of the three (3) low bidders bid documents to the Borough Solicitor, Matthew P. Lyons, Esq., for his review of the form and content of bids, bid security, and consent of surety. Provided that the Borough Solicitor is satisfied with the low bidder's documents and upon Certification of Funds, we are requesting that the necessary Resolution of Award of Contract to Earle Asphalt Company, for the 2023 Borough of Wenonah Infrastructure Improvement Project, inclusive of both Base Bid #'s 1-3 and Alternate Bid #'s 1 & 2, be prepared for adoption at the next available regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Please note that the resolution must specifically state that the award is contingent upon approval by NJDOT.



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Subsequent to the Borough's adoption of the Resolution of Award, we will forward certified copies of the Resolution, the bid tabulation sheet, and a completed Initial Payment Voucher requests to NJDOT for review and approval.

A Pre-Construction Meeting will be scheduled and a Notice to Proceed will be issued following NJDOT's approval of the Contract Award and upon Solicitor's approval of Earle Asphalt Company's Performance Bonds and Insurance Certificates. At that time, we will also transmit the remaining unsuccessful bidder's documents back to the bidders.

It is anticipated that the proposed work will begin in mid to late-June 2023 and will be substantially completed by the end of August of 2023, unless weather and other unforeseen conditions dictate otherwise.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the information provided, please feel free to contact me at the office (856) 464-9600 or on my cell at (267) 972-6317.

Sincerely,
THE PETTIT GROUP, LLC



David Kreck, PE, CME
Associate

Enclosures

Cc: Karen Sweeney, Borough Clerk
Matthew P. Lyons, Esq., Borough Solicitor (w/enclosures) via email only
Robert Scharle, Borough CFO (w/enclosures) via email only



PROJECT:	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACTOR	CONTRACTOR
2023 Borough of Wenonah Infrastructure Improvement Project	Earle Asphalt Co. P.O. Box 556 Farmingdale, NJ 07727	Charles Marandino, LLC 233 Main Avenue Milmay, NJ 08340	South State Inc. O. Box 88 Bridgeton, NJ 08302	R.E. Pierson Construction P.O. Box 430 426 Swedesboro Road Pilesgrove, NJ 08098	Landberg Construction 82 Tuckahoe Road Dorothy, NJ 08317	
BID BOND AMOUNT	60%	10%	10%	10%	70%	
BASE BID #1 AMOUNT	421,613.13	473,222.00	464,428.72	495,026.73	440,918.86	
BASE BID #2 AMOUNT	455,600.00	519,468.00	479,360.00	530,712.31	450,487.45	
BASE BID #3 AMOUNT	224,800.00	284,740.00	259,699.00	240,370.00	244,955.50	
ALTERNATE BID #1 AMOUNT	36,900.00	56,390.00	53,446.00	79,833.22	63,550.00	
ALTERNATE BID #2 AMOUNT	135,100.00	158,500.00	131,890.00	136,100.00	112,800.00	
TOTAL BID AMOUNT	1,273,913.13	1,494,304.00	1,388,824.02	1,481,542.04	1,312,731.81	

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2023 Borough of Wenonah Infrastructure Improvement Project	Paving Plus, LLC P.O. Box 508 Franklinville, NJ 08322	Think Pavers Hardscaping 125 Kings Highway Royal, NJ 08061	DiMeglio Construction 594 W. Horse Pike Atco, NJ 08004			
BID BOND AMOUNT	10%	10%	10%			
BASE BID #1 AMOUNT	511,549.00	471,582.00	659,678.00			
BASE BID #2 AMOUNT	576,984.00	489,435.00	638,506.00			
BASE BID #3 AMOUNT	311,978.00	278,670.00	341,340.00			
ALTERNATE BID #1 AMOUNT	75,870.00	47,711.00	166,965.00			
ALTERNATE BID #2 AMOUNT	184,550.00	118,100.00	235,650.00			
TOTAL BID AMOUNT	1,630,873.00	1,405,498.00	2,042,199.00			

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