

October 5, 2023



Lew Steinbrecher
City Administrator
100 E. Broadway Ave
Monmouth, IL 61462

Re: Review of Bids Disinfection System Addition Project

Dear Mr. Steinbrecher:

Woodard & Curran (W&C) has reviewed the bids received on September 26th, 2023 for Monmouth Disinfection System Addition project. Attachment A includes the summary of bids received with the tabulation of bid prices and a checklist of minimum required bid submissions.

Two bids were received for the project. The lowest bid was submitted by Leander Construction Inc. with a bid of \$2,422,000.00. A list of all bids received for the project is provided below:

1. Leander Construction Inc. – Canton, IL: **\$2,422,000.00**
2. Laverdiere Construction Inc. – Macomb, IL: **\$3,161,318.00**

Leander Construction is the apparent Lowest Responsible and Eligible Bidder for this contract. The bid submitted by Leander Construction, Inc. included the required forms and certifications, and the bidder's qualifications were consistent with the contract requirements. W&C understands that Leander Construction, Inc. has completed projects for the City that are similar in type, character, and magnitude to the Disinfection System Addition. The City was satisfied with the quality and performance of their work, and the City finds Leander Construction, Inc. to be an acceptable bidder. In addition, W&C contacted two references provided by Leander who responded favorably on the quality of the work and generally considered them a qualified contractor. Completed reference forms are included in Attachment B.

Based on our review of bids and feedback from references, W&C does not take exception to the City of Monmouth awarding a contract to Leander Construction, Inc. for Monmouth Disinfection System Addition Project. For your convenience, a draft Notice of Award is provided in Attachment C, and draft Notice to Proceed is provided in Attachment D.

Sincerely,

WOODARD & CURRAN, INC.


Samantha Weidenbenner, P.E.
Project Manager

Enclosure(s) Attachments A, B, C, D
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cc: Rod Davies, Mayor
Andrew Jackson, DPW Director
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ATTACHMENT A: BID RESPONSIVENESS CHECKLIST



**BID OPENING CHECKLIST
CITY OF MONMOUTH, IL**

CONTRACT NO.	0232960.00	DATE:	9/26/2023
CONTRACT NAME:	Disinfection System Addition	BID OPENING TIME:	2:30 PM

DO NOT OPEN BIDS THAT ARE NOT SUBMITTED ON TIME.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS READ ALOUD.

	BIDDER NAME	TOTAL BID PRICE (PER BID FORM 00 41 01-2)	BID SECURITY Provided (Bond or check) (Yes/No)	Addenda #1, #2, & #3 Issued Addenda Acknowledged in Bid Form (Yes/No) 00 41 01-2
1	Laverdiere construction Inc.	\$ 3,161,318.00	yes	yes
2	Leandler Construction Inc.	\$ 2,422,000.00	yes	yes
3				
4				

Opened by:

Samantha Weidenbenner, PE
Name, Title: Project manager

Witness:

Heather Santos, Administrative Assistant
Name, Title:

ATTACHMENT B: CONTRACTOR REFERENCE FORMS





CONTRACTOR REFERENCE CHECK

CONTRACTOR: Leander Construction Inc.

REFERENCE FOR: City of Monmouth, IL
Disinfection System Addition Project

REFERENCE FROM: **Nate Davis, Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly 217-787-8050**
WWTP Improvements Phase 2, Galesburg IL

DATE: **9/29/2023**

What did the project involve?

Sludge dewatering storage facility. Small pump building with two sludge pumps. Force main to sludge dewatering. New building with screw presses.

How was the quality of work?

Used a lot of subcontractors so work quality varied. Concrete subcontractor had to redo some work.

How was the Contractor's paperwork? Was it correct and timely?

Yes and yes.

How were the Contractor's relationships with the Owner? Engineer? Subcontractors?

Coordinated with the Owner okay. Not always the most expedient work, but work was accomplished. Communicated well with Engineer.

How many change orders? What type? What magnitude?

Approximately 5 change orders for cost and another couple for schedule related to COVID supply issues. Less than 5% of project costs.

Would you recommend this contractor for similar work? Would you hire the contractor again?

Would work with Leander Construction again, but not subcontractor Anderson Concrete.

Were there any bonds invoked or legal efforts initiated by any parties?

No.

Were there any safety violations?

No.



CONTRACTOR REFERENCE CHECK

CONTRACTOR: Leander Construction Inc.

REFERENCE FOR: City of Monmouth, IL
Disinfection System Addition Project

REFERENCE FROM: **Pat Sheridan, Farnsworth Group 309-663-8435**
CSO LTCP Phase 3A, Pekin IL

DATE: **9/29/2023**

What did the project involve?

Involved 96-inch diameter piping that was bored and drilled underneath a railroad. Very tricky stuff including railroad improvements.

How was the quality of work?

Leander was the prime contractor. They did a precast structure. They subcontracted the piping and railroad work. Bobby Asbury managed the work.

How was the Contractor's paperwork? Was it correct and timely?

Yes and yes.

How were the Contractor's relationships with the Owner? Engineer? Subcontractors?

Good. Owner was on-site on a daily basis. Weekly progress meetings with Owner. Relationships were well managed.

How many change orders? What type? What magnitude?

Finished both jobs within less than 1.5% of budget. There were change issues mandated by the railroad.

Would you recommend this contractor for similar work? Would you hire the contractor again?

Would hire them again as long as there is a competent Owner's representative on site.

Were there any bonds invoked or legal efforts initiated by any parties?

No.

Were there any safety violations?

No.



CONTRACTOR REFERENCE CHECK

CONTRACTOR: Leander Construction Inc.

REFERENCE FOR: City of Monmouth, IL
Disinfection System Addition Project

REFERENCE FROM: **Bill Hart, City of Monmouth, IL (309) 297-0692**
North WWTF & Smithfield LS Upgrade, Monmouth IL

DATE: 10/2/2023

What did the project involve?

Upgrades to the Smithfield Lift Station (new wet well, valve vault, pumps, and electrical); clarifier mechanism replacement; anaerobic lagoon cover replacement; other WWTF pumps and associated equipment replacement; blower replacement.

How was the quality of work?

Acceptable. Electrical seal-offs not installed fast enough or sometimes at all resulting in electrical equipment degradation and failure. Contractor replaced equipment. Still contending with full functionality from blower equipment SCADA controls.

How was the Contractor's paperwork? Was it correct and timely?

Yes and yes.

How were the Contractor's relationships with the Owner? Engineer? Subcontractors?

Communication and scheduling were strong skill sets.

How many change orders? What type? What magnitude?

There were six bundled change orders representing forty change requests. These were a mix of owner, engineer, and contractor initiated change requests. The total magnitude of change orders represents a 7% change from the original contract value.

Would you recommend this contractor for similar work? Would you hire the contractor again?

Yes. This contractor uses a lot of subcontractors. So results may vary, but communication is strong skill set for overcoming that.

Were there any bonds invoked or legal efforts initiated by any parties?

No.

Were there any safety violations?

No.