

April 4, 2017

Mr. Robert M. Rivera
Public Works Director
City of New Port Richey
6132 Pine Hill Road
Port Richey, Florida 34668

**RE: BID RECOMMENDATION – 2015 DOWNTOWN LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
ITB NO. 17-006
GENESIS PROJECT NO. 5565-036**

Dear Mr. Rivera:

On March 31, 2017 at 2:00 pm local time, bid proposals were opened for the above-referenced project. From the bid tabulation results, there were a total of two (2) bids. The higher base bid was \$332,439.00, with a bid alternate of \$92,511.00, totaling to \$424,950.00. The lower base bid was \$276,304.25, with a bid alternate of \$82,761.00, totaling to \$359,065.25.

The higher bid, submitted by Arazoza Brothers Corp., did not include a total for the alternate bid. We totaled it at the bid opening and arrived at \$92,516.00. Subsequently, we re-checked the total and determined that the correct bid alternate total is \$93,511.00, a \$5 discrepancy. This discrepancy has no bearing on the bid recommendation. We also found a minor math error in the calculation of Arazoza Brothers Corp base bid, but this does not affect our recommendation.

The low bid of \$359,065.25 was submitted by Morelli Landscaping, Inc. The City has worked with this company before. They are the contractor on US 19 highway beautification project. I have discussed the bid with Morelli Landscape, Inc. and they assured me that they are comfortable with their bid amount and the work that is required.

I am confident, therefore, that Morelli Landscaping, Inc. is qualified and capable of performing all of the work described in the bid documents. I recommend that the City of New Port Richey award the 2015 Downtown Landscaping Improvement Project to Morelli Landscape, Inc.

Sincerely,

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Landscape Architect

cc: Adam Jessen
Gary Peterson