

January 2, 2019

Mr. Robert M. Rivera
Public Works Director
City of New Port Richey
6420 Pine Hill Road
Port Richey, Florida 34668

RE: Bid Recommendation – 2017 Seawall Repair – Sims Park and Cotee River Park

Mr. Rivera:

On December 14, 2018 at 2:00 PM local time, bid proposals were opened for the above referenced project. Attached are the bid tabulation results containing the bidders' names and the bid prices.

From the bid tabulation results, there were a total of four (4) bids. The distribution of bids between the highest and lowest varies considerably, with the highest bid being \$1,106,600.00 and the lowest bid being \$298,930.00. The second and third bids were \$674,830.00 and \$744,700.00, respectively. The large differences between the bids submitted can be attributed to the following: (1) the low bidder will be performing all the work on this project, while the remaining bidders were going to be using subcontractors for significant amounts of the work; (2) the construction bid marketplace has been volatile over the past couple years regarding contractor pricing. While the second and third lowest bids were relatively close to each other, we believe that the lowest bid is consistent with the project estimate and we believe this bid is accurate for the work to be performed. The highest bid is not reasonable for the scope of work for this project and should not be used as a basis for bid comparison.

The lowest bid of \$298,930.00 was submitted by **Cal-Tech Testing, Inc.** The City has not worked with this company before, but has verified their concrete repair and chemical injection work quality through discussions with their current client references. In addition, they have recently completed a project for the City of Ormond Beach that was nearly identical to the scope of work of the above referenced project. I have discussed the bid with **Cal-Tech Testing, Inc.** and have been assured that they understand the bid documents and are comfortable with their bid amount and the work that is expected by the City.

Therefore, I am confident that **Cal-Tech Testing, Inc.** is qualified and capable of performing all of the work described in the bid documents and recommend that the City of New Port Richey award this project to them in the amount of two hundred ninety eight thousand nine hundred thirty dollars (\$298,930.00).

Sincerely,



Brent A. Heath, P.E.
Senior Engineer