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City of Minot  
Attn: John Zakian, DR Grant Manager & Chief Resiliency Officer  
515 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue SW  
P.O. Box 5006  
Minot, North Dakota 58702

Subject: 2019 Round 4 Structure Demolition and Site Restoration – Project No. 3755.15

Dear Mr. Zakian:

On September 26, 2019, bids were received for the 2019 Round 4 Structure Demolition and Site Restoration Project. At the bid opening, three (3) bids were received from the following companies:

- Dig It Up Backhoe Service Inc., Minot, ND
- Hight Construction, LLC, Minot, ND
- LinnCo, Inc., Sauk Rapids, MN

All bids were reviewed by CDM Smith after the opening to confirm that the required attachments and documentation had been included. The base bids varied from a high of \$494,450.00 to a low of \$324,175.00. The apparent low bid was submitted by Hight Construction, LLC. A detailed review, which included bid tabulations, was conducted and it confirmed that Hight Construction, LLC was the lowest eligible bidder. It is noted that the submitted bid package from Hight Construction, LLC used the incorrect bid schedule to create the submitted bid price. Hight Construction was contacted and agreed that using the correct bid schedule their bid is \$342,675.00. This error was not considered substantial and thus Hight Construction, LLC submitted an eligible low bid with a bid amount of \$342,675.00. The low bid of \$342,675.00 is 43% lower than the engineer's estimate of \$604,300.00.

CDM Smith then checked the System for Award Management website and it was confirmed that Hight Construction, LLC is registered with no active exclusions or debarment status. In addition, a background investigation was conducted and there were no findings of concern. Therefore, Hight Construction, LLC is considered the lowest responsive bidder for this project.





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Based on the above information, CDM Smith recommends that the contract be awarded to Hight Construction, LLC.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justin Redding".

Justin Redding  
CDM Smith Inc.