

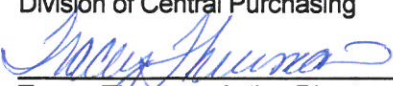


Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND PUBLIC WORKS

Jim Gray
Mayor

Charles Martin
Acting Commissioner

TO: Sondra Stone
Division of Central Purchasing

FROM: 
Tracey Thurman, Acting Director
Division of Waste Management

DATE: April 30, 2014

RE: Canine Facility Pump Station (Bid #42-2014)

After reviewing the submissions to bid solicitation #42-2014, we recommend the acceptance for the bid from Melvin Jones Excavating LLC.

They met all the specifications and were the lowest bid presented. Please let me know if you have questions.

cc: Todd Slatin



April 16, 2014

Dann Dettman
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
200 East Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507

RE: **Recommendation for Award**
Canine Facility Pump Station
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Dettman;

Construction bids for the referenced project were received on March 27, 2014. Five bids were received. The low bid received was from Melvin Jones Excavating, LLC for the amount of \$47,036.71. We have mathematically checked and tabulated the bids on this project.

Per records from Purchasing, Melvin Jones Excavating, LLC has not previously constructed projects for LFUCG. Palmer Engineering has no prior history working with Melvin Jones Excavating. In checking references we spoke to several owners and engineers. All indicated that they would be happy to work with Melvin Jones on projects again. All references we spoke to stated that either there were no change orders, or change orders were due to owner's request. One reference, Wood Creek Water District, contracted with Melvin Jones to install over 200 similar grinder pump stations. Wood Creek indicated that they were happy with the work Melvin Jones completed. Wood Creek would like to work with Melvin Jones again in the future.

On April 14, 2014, I along with LFUCG staff members meet with Melvin Jones. Melvin was asked if he had a good understanding of the project and whether any aspects of the project were of a concern to him. He stated that he was comfortable with his bid. Melvin discussed some other similar work he had completed.

The lowest bid amount of \$47,036.71 is significantly lower than the second low bid of \$98,358.50. The low bid is 16% lower than the engineer's opinion of probable cost. The bid appears appropriate for the work identified, and the contractor appears capable of performing the work.

Based on our review of the bidder's references, the meeting with Melvin Jones and LFUCG, and the bid, we recommend that the subject contract be awarded to the low bidder Melvin Jones Excavating LLC. A tabulation of this bid and all other bids is enclosed for your review

Should you have any questions, please call us at 859 389-9293.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Isaacs', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Greg Isaacs, PE
Project Manager