

July 10, 2018

TO: Mr. Noriel Noriega
FROM: Edward Kalina
SUBJECT: Village of Westmont
Roslyn / West End / Burlington Storm Sewer Project
Complete Bid Review and Recommendation of Contract Award

The Brief of Scope and Village Intent for the Subject Project is as follows:

The Village of Westmont is seeking to retain the services of a qualified General Contractor. This assignment is to make Stormwater Improvements to the Roslyn Road / West End Avenue / Burlington Avenue Neighborhood. This area suffers from no positive drainage plan between Cumnor Road and West End Avenue and an inadequate storm sewer system on Roslyn Road which causes the manhole on Burlington and West End to surcharge. The brief of scope includes but is not limited to the following:

The Roslyn / West End / Burlington Storm Sewer Project is centered around properly directing some of the storm water flows from West End Avenue and Roslyn Road to the existing 30" RCP located under the BNSF RR. This local storm water improvement will include; construction of a new 10.5' x 8.5' cast-in-place concrete conflict structure, new storm sewer installations on Burlington Avenue, new 12" storm sewer installation on West End Avenue, and new 18" storm sewer installation on Roslyn Road.

To facilitate the construction of this upgraded system conventional sewer installation methods and trenchless technology methods will both be utilized.

The project will be completed with full depth pavement repairs and landscaping improvements on Burlington Avenue and West End Avenue and Roslyn Road.

The most challenging aspect of this project will be the proper and safe installation of the proposed storm sewers that are to be installed via trenchless technologies.

The completion date for this project is November 21, 2018. For this reason; it is important that the Contractor and the Project Team get started on this project ASAP.

This Project is fully funded by the Village of Westmont Stormwater Improvement Program.

The Bid Opening was conducted in Village Hall on July 10, 2018. The complete Bid Tab for the Subject Project follows:



**Public Works Department
Engineering Division**

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Bid Opening

Project Name: Roslyn / West End / Burlington Storm Sewer Project

MFT Section: N/A Date: 07/10/2018 Time: 9:00AM

Engineer's Estimate: \$ 765,545.00

No.	Contractor (Name, Address, Phone)	Bid Amount	Security	Addendums / Notes
1)	RA MANCINI	\$891,808.00	✓	
2)	JOHN NEPI CONSTRUCTION	\$738,498.00	✓	
3)	PERFORMANCE CONSTRUCTION	\$768,000.00	✓	
4)	SWALLOW CONSTRUCTION	\$877,662.00	✓	
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6)				
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The Construction Cost Estimate by Engineering Solutions Team was \$ 765,545.00.

In summary; we had 4 reputable contractors submit bids on our project. And, there were 20 Contractors that purchased the Plan and expressed interest in our Project.

The interest in our project was high. The current local construction market is currently modest. These conditions are currently keeping the unit prices rather stable.

The Engineer's Estimate was quite good.

We received only 4 bids because most local underground contractors do not possess the required trenchless experience that this project requires. The trenchless installation was specified because of the required deep excavations and the beautiful local parkway trees. The 4 general contractors that submitted bids on our project; all possess strong local reputations.

John Neri Construction Co, Inc. is the low bidder.

John Neri Construction of Addison is a family business and founded in 1974. The majority of Neri's work is performed in DuPage County.

The John Neri Construction Co. low bid is \$ 738,498.00.

The 5% Bid Bond is included with the submitted proposal.

This Engineer reviewed the extensions and the math of the Neri Bid. The Neri Bid is checked and correct.

John Neri Construction Company has worked for the Village of Westmont in the past. The past projects by Neri for Westmont went well. Both; Mr. Ramsey and Mr. Noriega have a constructive working relationship with the Neri Company.

Further; this Engineer checked the following references.

1. The Village of Glen Ellyn.

Construction of Elm Oak Geneva Improvements – complete 10/2016	\$ 2,842,152.25
Construction of MEDST Utility & Road Improvements – complete 11/2017	\$ 2,979,126.90
Rich Daubert; Village Engineer	[cell] 847-951-8665

I talked to Rich, and Rich had the following to say about Neri:

- Both projects were typical Glen Ellyn annual full infrastructure improvement projects.
- Full gamut of improvements: sewer, water, services, > 20' excavations.
- All in all = rather complex projects.
- Utility work was "excellent". Neri does all the underground work.
- Neri was great to work with. Very reasonable regarding change orders, but Fair.
- Neri worked hard to accommodate the residents.
- Neri worked to coordinate and manage the utilities.
- Neri is a great contractor. Anthony is a nice field manager. Will use again.
- Neri did well to complete both these projects on time.

2. The Village of Riverdale.

Construction of NE Riverdale Storm Relief Sewer Project – complete 11/2017	\$7,151,543.50
Chuck Hodges; Village Engineer	708-865-0300

I talked to Chuck, and Chuck had the following to say about Neri:

- Project was a combined sewer area. The solution included a 72" diameter outfall sewer to the Little Calumet River.
- This outfall required a permanent easement through a homeowner's yard. This homeowner was extremely concerned about this project and its effect on his property. By the time this project ended, the homeowner found the project to be a very positive experience and enjoyed the company of the Neri team.

- The complete installed storm sewer improvement included industrial and residential neighborhoods.
- There were No Safety Issues through the course of this project.
- Parking: Neri worked very well with the residents to insure that there were no street parking problems, due to this project.
- This project included a lot of utilities that Neri was required to navigate through, including a number of surprises.
- I was “Very Happy”, with the performance of Neri.
- Neri adhered to the specifications.
- Schedule: this complicated project was completed on-time, actually a little bit early.
- The required Change Orders were addressed in a very professional and fair manner.
- I look forward to working with Neri again.

3. City of DesPlaines.

Construction of 2015 CIP Contract B – Algonquin Road Sanitary Sewer Diversion. \$4,827,722.50
Complete 07/2018.

Jon Duddles Asst. City Engineer

847-391-5300

I talked to Jon, and Jon had the following to say about Neri:

- The referenced Contract B was a Very complex project. This project required 30' excavations.
- I had No Problems with Neri.
- I like Neri.
- Neri is on-time.
- Neri is on-budget.
- I will definitely hire Neri in the future.

4. Village of Hinsdale.

Construction: Woodlands Phase 3 Infrastructure Improvements. Complete 9/2016. \$5,105,605.78
Al Diaz; Construction Engineer 630-789-7029

I talked to Al, and Al had the following to say about Neri:

- Neri is a good contractor.
- Neri has successfully completed several projects in Hinsdale.
- Neri is currently completing a similar project to the Woodlands Phase 3 Project, and all is going well.
- No issues.
- Work is on-time.
- Required change orders are addressed in a professional and friendly and fair manner.
- Anthony Neri is a quality site superintendent.
- Neri manages the residents very nicely.

I then talked to Nick Neri and asked if he is looking forward to this project:

- Nick did not waste any time and answered absolutely.
- Nick then asked if we can schedule the pre-construction meeting for tomorrow.
- He added; I don't know why but we are low on work this summer. Lot of second place finishes.
- Finally: I like Westmont just tell me what to do to get this project started.
- Nick feels that this project is manageable, and the schedule is definitely doable.

In conclusion, based on all the above, it is this Engineer's opinion and recommendation that the Village of Westmont award the Roslyn / West End / Burlington Storm Sewer Project to John Neri Construction Co, Inc. for the bid price of \$738,498.00.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the writer.

Thank you.

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Project Engineer.