

January 31, 2011

Glenn Kephart, P.E. Director  
Department of Public Works  
**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**  
2800 SW 72<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33155

City of Coral Gables  
Ponce Road Force Main  
Bid Recommendation

Dear Mr. Kephart:

Bids for the Ponce Road Force Main Replacement (DPW 10-08) project were received and opened on January 27, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. Twenty-One prospective contractors submitted bids. The ten lowest bidders and the amounts bid are noted below:

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| 1.  | GPE Engineering & General Contractor Corp. | \$1,039,957.19 * |
| 2.  | Wrangler Construction, Inc.                | \$1,053,607.50 * |
| 3.  | Caribe Utilities of Florida Inc.           | \$1,070,400.28   |
| 4.  | Coreland Construction, Inc.                | \$1,073,325.92   |
| 5.  | Inter-County Engineering, Inc.             | \$1,117,771.00   |
| 6.  | Florida Engineering & Development, Inc.    | \$1,117,855.40   |
| 7.  | Southeastern Engineering, Inc.             | \$1,119,287.80   |
| 8.  | JVA Engineering, Inc.                      | \$1,152,347.15   |
| 9.  | Metro Equipment, Inc.                      | \$1,169,380.00   |
| 10. | Sealtec USA, Corp.                         | \$1,195,346.00   |

\* Actual values on bid tab \$1,037,592.17 (GPE), \$1,052,707.50 Wrangler.

Hazen and Sawyer has reviewed the bids received for the above referenced project. Based on the information provided by the bidders and our findings, the lowest responsive bidder is GPE Engineering and General Contractors Corporation (GPE) in the amount of \$1,039,957.19 which is below the engineers construction cost estimate.

Hazen and Sawyer has contacted the references provided within the GPE Bid documents. Each reference provided a positive statement on previous work conducted by contractor. Additionally, GPE has a valid State of Florida Certified General Contracting and Underground Utility and Excavation license and Miami-Dade County Paving Engineering license, active insurance and adequate bonding limits. The contractor has been in service for 30 years and has recently

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performed pump station and force main improvement work for the City of Hialeah with positive results. A copy of all verification documentation is attached for your review.

On concurrence of the Public Works Department, Hazen and Sawyer recommends that the bid submitted by GPE Engineering and General Contractors Corporation be accepted and a contract in the amount of \$1,039,957.19 be awarded.

Should you have any questions, please call.

Very truly yours,

**HAZEN AND SAWYER, P.C.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher L. Kish', written over a horizontal line.

Christopher L. Kish, P.E.  
Associate

c. J. Kay (City of Coral Gables)  
F. Chiriboga (H&S)  
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