

February 26, 2026

City of Lodi
130 South Main Street
Lodi, WI 53555

Attention: Ms. Jennifer Sweeney, Administrator

Subject: Analysis of Bids and Recommendation for Award of Contracts; 2026
Downtown Improvements – STH 60

Bid Deadline: February 26, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. local time

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter is to analyze the bids received for the 2026 Downtown Improvements project and to recommend award of a contract. This project involves water main, sanitary sewer, road construction and storm sewer on STH 60 and supplemental items for removal of unsuitable trench backfill, dewatering and storm sewer abandonment.

The pre-bid estimate for the base bid was \$1,148,305.13. Eighteen general contractors, subcontractors, and material suppliers requested sets of the plans, specifications and bidding documents. Three contractors submitted bids.

A summary of the bids is as follows:

Contractor	Base Bid	Supplemental Bid Total
Tri-City Contractors, Inc.	\$923,023.00	\$80,940.00
S & L Underground, Inc.	\$989,865.78	\$19,316.61
Parisi Construction , LLC	\$1,080,914.50	\$65,925.00

All of the bids were properly submitted, except that Tri-City Contractors did not submit the Bidder's Proof of Responsibility document 5 days in advance of the bid opening, as required in the bid documents. After discussions with staff, we are recommending the City consider that an unresponsive bid.

In that case the low bidder, using the base bid only, or the base bid and supplemental bid is S & L Underground, Inc., an experienced utility and street contractor that completed similar projects for Lodi. The bid prices are lower than the project estimate. We recommend that S & L Underground, Inc. be awarded a contract for the base bid, plus the supplemental bids, for a total of \$ 1,009,182.39.

This will be a unit price contract. That is, the contractor will be paid for the work actually performed on the basis on the unit prices bid. This means that the final line item costs could be either greater than or less than the bid totals. Also, unexpected conditions are

sometimes encountered which result in increased project costs. Therefore, it would be wise to continue to carry the recommended 10% contingency.

If you have any questions with respect to our thoughts on this matter, I am available at your convenience to discuss them with you.

Respectfully,
TOWN & COUNTRY ENGINEERING, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris J. Reid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and "R".

Christian Reid, P.E.
Project Engineer

CJR:sai

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