



March 27, 2024

Mr. Matt Newell, Public Works Director
City of Decatur
Civic Center, #1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza
Decatur, Illinois 62523

Mr. Newell:

**RE: 2022-02 Chemical Feed Upgrades and
2022-16 Bulk Water Upgrades Bid Recommendation**

Bids received for the above referenced project were opened on Wednesday March 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Civic Center, #1 Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, Illinois 62523, two (2) bids were received as follows:

1. Christy-Foltz, Inc of Decatur, IL with
 - a. Base Bid at \$6,202,575.00 and Alternate Deduct of \$1,465,823.00.
2. Henson Robinson Company of Springfield, IL with
 - a. Base Bid at \$5,378,271.00 and Alternate Deduct of \$1,537,369.00.

Both Christy-Foltz, Inc and Henson Robinson Company are recognized contracting firms throughout the Midwest and have successfully completed numerous similar sized projects in the state of Illinois. CMT has successfully worked with both Christy-Foltz and Henson Robinson on several similar projects and recommends either company be awarded this project.

Both Base Bids are under the engineer's opinion of probable construction cost of \$7.185 million. In addition, CMT concurs with Robert Weil's recommendation Memorandum on Lime Treatment Alternatives of upgrading the Lime system with a Hydrated Lime System in lieu of the Pebble Lime system, which is the alternate and a less desirable system.

We have designed, assisted in construction and observed the operation of Hydrated Lime Systems and it is our recommendation that the City of Decatur award the contract for the Chemical Feed Upgrades (2022-02) and Bulk Water Upgrades (2022-16) to either Christy-Foltz or Henson Robinson Company at the Base Bid and to not include the Deduct Alternate.

We appreciate the opportunity to continue to assist you on this project. If you need any additional assistance, please contact Ty Besalke or me.

Sincerely,

CRAWFORD, MURPHY & TILLY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Louis D. Weller", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Louis D. Weller, P.E., Project Manager