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Mr. Bill Yetman, P.E.
City Engineer
City of Rock Hill
P.O. Box 11706
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Re: Lake Wylie Raw Water Intake Expansion –
Phase I
Rock Hill, South Carolina
W&S No: 056-08-530

Dear Mr. Yetman:

Bids were received, opened, and read in public on Thursday, November 17, 2011 for the Lake Wylie Raw Water Intake Expansion – Phase I. Bids were received from four (4) pre-qualified contractors for the Lake Wylie Raw Water Intake Expansion – Phase I as follows:

| Contractor | Base Bid | Alternate |
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| Wharton-Smith, Inc. (Sanford, FL) | \$3,801,390.00 * | \$228,500.00 |
| W. L. Hailey & Co., Inc. (Nashville, TN) | \$4,409,639.00 * | \$211,000.00 |
| Crowder Construction Company (Charlotte, NC) | \$4,472,756.00 * | \$168,000.00 |
| Haren Construction Co., Inc. (Etowah, TN) | \$5,622,000.00 | \$210,000.00 |

* Denotes corrected amount

A certified tabulation of the bids received is attached for your review and records. Also, a copy of the tabulation has been mailed to each bidder and posted on our company's website at www.wiedeman.com.

The bid submitted by Wharton-Smith, Inc. (i.e., the lowest bid) included a 20% bid bond and the bid was properly executed. Wharton-Smith's bid included identical costs of \$144,225 for two (2) different makes of intake screens and identical costs of \$106,000 for two (2) different makes of chlorine vapor scrubbers. Wiedeman and Singleton, Inc. has installation experience with screens from Johnson Screen but not Hendrix Screen. Therefore, we recommend award based on Johnson Screens. The City currently has a chlorine vapor scrubber manufactured by US Filter/Siemens at the water plant. As such, for standardization of equipment, we recommend award based on US Filter/Siemens.

The bid also included an alternate make of surge equipment from Young Engineering instead of the named manufacturer, Charlotte of America. Accordingly, Wharton-Smith's bid price has been corrected to reflect equipment from Charlotte of America, which is consistent with the Instruction to Bidders. Considering the relatively minor cost savings (less than 6%) between the equipment from Young Engineering and Charlotte of America, we do not recommend the City consider the equipment from Young Engineering during construction

Alternate pricing for furnishing the screening equipment with Z-Alloy material was also solicited at the time of the bid. However, we are not aware that the screens at the existing intake have experienced blockage from Zebra Mussels and considering the relative cost increase to change to Z-alloy (\$228,500.00), we do not recommend changing to Z-alloy.

Wharton-Smith was pre-qualified to bid on the project and we have also verified that Wharton-Smith, Inc. has the appropriate General Contractor's License (i.e., WL5, WP5 and BD5) to complete the proposed improvements. Therefore, we recommend the City of Rock Hill, South Carolina pass a resolution to award the project to Wharton-Smith of Sanford, Florida in the amount of THREE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS and ZERO CENTS (\$3,801,390.00).

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

WIEDEMAN AND SINGLETON, INC.



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Senior Vice President

Enclosures

CC: Mr. Scott Turner
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Mr. Pete Snyder