

## Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

**Date of Meeting:** April 21, 2009

**Date Submitted:** April 8, 2009

**To:** Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

**From:** Farnita L. Saunders, Community Development Director

**Subject:** Approval to Select Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc. as the Contractor for the Bradwell Huddle House Project—Extension of Infrastructure (Proposed Bid Amount—\$356,235.25)

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item seeks the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approval to accept the bid from Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc. in the amount of \$356,236.25 for the extension of infrastructure for the Bradwell Huddle House Project. The newly constructed Huddle House will be located off of Highway 90 West (Blue Star Highway) and is funded from a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$750,000 from the Florida Department of Community Affairs.

### **Background:**

The County submitted a grant application to the Florida Department of Community Affairs in April of 2007. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, the owner was unable to provide a funding commitment to the State in a timely manner. Therefore, the State was unable to accept the grant application under its 2006-2007 funding cycle. During the May 1, 2007 meeting, the BOCC was informed of the status of this grant and approved staff to resubmit the application to the State for funding consideration during the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year. On August 13, 2007, staff was informed of the funding award in the amount of \$750,000 and obtained the BOCC's approval for the Chairman to execute the agreement during the August 21, 2007 meeting.

Since this time, the project has experienced several delays with the most recent issue involving the granting of an easement by the adjacent property owner. This issue has been resolved and the project is moving forward as scheduled. Bids were solicited to contractors to install the infrastructure and closed on March 20, 2009.

**Analysis:**

Nine (9) bidders responded to the Request for Proposals for the extension of infrastructure for the Huddle House project. Bidders and the proposed cost for each are outlined below:

- Entech Enterprises, Inc. - \$351,499.50
- Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc. - \$356,236.25
- R.A.W. Construction - \$369,805.40
- Solomon Construction Co. of Quincy - \$374,832.00
- M of Tallahassee - \$381,165.00
- 814 Sand, Inc. - \$383,691.59
- Blankenship Contracting, Inc. - \$396,805.40
- North Florida Asphalt, Inc. - \$402,071.00
- GAC Contractors, Inc. - \$593,102.29

The bids were closed on March 20, 2009 and were reviewed by the project's engineer, David H. Melvin, Inc. to ensure all of the technical specifications were met. The bid specifications required each contractor to be Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) qualified, a State Certified Underground contractor and to submit a bid bond. Although Entech Enterprises, Inc. submitted the lowest bid, the contractor did not meet all of the requirements to be recommended for the project. The next lowest bidder meeting all of the required criteria is Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc.

After David H. Melvin, Inc. recommended Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc., a review committee was formed to review the Engineer's recommendation. The committee consisted of Arthur Lawson, Assistant County Manager, Wallisa Cobb, Senior Management Analyst, in coordination with Farnita L. Saunders, Community Development Director, Mike Wade, City of Quincy Utilities Director, Howard Douglas, Growth Management Director and Robert Presnell, Public Works Director. The review committee's recommendation was consistent with David H. Melvin's recommendation to select Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The project will result in approximately 23 additional full and part time employment opportunities for Gadsden County residents. Additionally, the completion of the Huddle House Project will have a significant financial and economic impact on the community. In addition to revenue from surrounding areas, the Huddle House Restaurant will also offer more variety and selection to the food/restaurant choices within the County.

The project is grant funded in the amount of \$750,000 from the State of Florida, Community Development Block Grant program. No resources from the General Fund are allocated to this project.

**Options:**

- Option 1: Accept the bid from Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc. as recommended by David H. Melvin, Inc. in the amount of \$356,236.25.
- Option 2: Do not accept the bid from Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc. as recommended by David H. Melvin, Inc. as recommended by David H. Melvin, Inc. in the amount of \$356,236.25.
- Option 3: Provide other direction.

**Recommendation:**

- Option 1: Accept the bid from Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc. as recommended by David H. Melvin, Inc. in the amount of \$356,236.25.

**Attachments:**

Bid Review Recommendation Letter



March 25, 2009

Mrs. Farnita Saunders  
Gadsden County Grant Administration  
341 E. Jefferson Street, Suite G-10  
Quincy, Florida 32351-1799

**RE: Huddle House Infrastructure Extension  
Bidder Review Recommendation**

Dear Mrs. Saunders:

We have reviewed all the bids submitted for the above reference project and offer the following findings. These findings are based upon the review of the bids in accordance with the bid specifications for this project that require the Contractors to be FDOT Qualified, State Certified Underground Contractor and submit a bid bond.

- 1. Entech Enterprises, Inc. Total Bid \$ 351,499.50**
  - Not a current Pre-Qualified FDOT Contractor.
  - State certified Underground Utility Contractor.
  - Pre-Qualified with City of Tallahassee for Underground Utility/Excavation
  - Submitted Bid Bond.
  
- 2. Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc. Total Bid \$ 356,236.25**
  - Current Pre-Qualified FDOT Contractor.
  - Utility subcontractor is a certified State Underground Utility Contractor and currently a subcontractor with Talquin Electric Cooperative.
  - Pre-Qualified with City of Tallahassee for Underground Utility/Excavation.
  - Submitted Bid Bond.
  
- 3. R.A.W. Construction Total Bid \$ 369,805.40**
  - Subcontractor is a current Pre-Qualified FDOT Contractor.
  - Certified State Underground Utility Contractor.
  - Submitted Bid Bond.
  
- 4. Solomon Construction Co. of Quincy Total Bid \$ 374,832.00**
  - Current Pre-Qualified FDOT Contractor.
  - Certified State Underground Utility Contractor.
  - Submitted Bid Bond.

**5. M of Tallahassee** **Total Bid \$ 381,165.00**

- Current Pre-Qualified FDOT Contractor.
- Certified State Underground Utility Contractor.
- Submitted Bid Bond.

**6. 814 Sand, Inc.** **Total Bid \$ 383,691.59**

- Not a Pre-Qualified FDOT Contractor.
- Submitted Bid Bond.

**7. Blankenship Contracting, Inc.** **Total Bid \$ 396,805.40**

- Current Pre-Qualified FDOT Contractor.
- State Certified Underground Utility Contractor.
- Submitted Bid Bond.

**8. North Florida Asphalt, Inc.** **Total Bid \$ 402,071.00**

- Current Pre-Qualified FDOT Contractor.
- Certified State Underground Utility Contractor.
- Submitted Bid Bond.

**9. GAC Contractors, Inc.** **Total Bid \$ 593,012.29**

- Current Pre-Qualified FDOT Contractor.
- Certified State Underground Utility Contractor.
- Submitted Bid Bond.

Per our review and in accordance with the lowest qualified bidder process, the Contractor that meets all of the before stated requirements per the bid specifications is Dixie Paving and Grading, Inc. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (850) 671-7221.

Sincerely,

*Mary Margaret Barris*  
Mary-Margaret Barris, EI

Project Engineer