

June 9, 2026

Mr. David Van Riper
 City of Deer Park, City Engineer
 710 E. San Augustine Street
 Deer Park, Texas 77536

Re: **Contract Award Recommendation**
 G105-04-01 Channel Rehabilitation
 ID # 2512-047-01

Dear Mr. Van Riper:

We have received six (6) bids for the above reference project on May 6th, 2026. We have reviewed the bids and compiled them in the attached bid tabulation. The apparent low bidder for the base bid was Panther Construction, LLC with a base bid amount of \$571,336.21. CobbFendley previously recommended this contract be awarded to Panther Construction, LLC. The contract was awarded to Panther Construction, LLC by the city at the council meeting held on May 19, 2026. After the award, city staff, CobbFendley and Panther Construction, LLC met and Panther Construction, LLC elected to not sign the agreement and would not proceed with the contract. The second low bidder (lowest qualified bidder) was Solid Bridge Construction with a base bid amount of \$587,511.00. The total bid amount including extra bid items is **\$620,026.00**. Based on the submitted documents and reference checks, this bidder is qualified to perform the work.

The bids were compared to CobbFendley’s estimated cost shown below:

CobbFendley’s Cost Estimate = \$875,229.00

We ranked the bids from the lowest to the highest and listed the bids together with the percent difference of each bid from the engineer’s cost estimates.

Bidder	Total Bid Price (including Extra Work Items)	Difference from CF Cost Estimate	% Difference from CF Cost Estimate
Panther Construction, LLC	-\$618,644.94	-(256,584.09)	-29.3%
Solid Bridge Construction	\$620,026.00	\$(255,203.00)	-29.2%
DC Contracting Services, LLC	\$842,880.00	\$(32,349.00)	-3.6%
Brights Build, LLC	\$850,877.00	\$(24,352.00)	-2.7%

Environmental Allies	\$1,266,195.48	\$390,966.48	44.7%
Black Fox Service, LLC	\$1,852,980.67	\$977,751.67	111.7%

Solid Bridge Construction was 29% lower than the engineers' estimate.

The lowest qualified bidder (2nd Low Bidder), **Solid Bridge Construction**, has a bid price of \$620,026.00, which is 26.4% lower than the 2nd lowest qualified bid (3rd Low Bid) of \$842,880.00, or \$222,854.00.

Bid Item Section Subtotal	Engineer's Cost Estimate	1 st Low Bidder Panther Construction, LLC	2 nd Low Bidder Solid Bridge Construction	3 rd Low Bidder DC Contracting Services, LLC
A. General	\$149,500.00	\$54,266.12	\$66,740.00	\$89,879.00
B. Channel Repair and Restoration	\$552,859.00	\$439,080.73	\$494,526.00	\$625,083.00
C. Storm Sewer	\$69,010.00	\$65,866.69	\$17,145.00	\$59,924.00
D. SWPPP	\$13,250.00	\$12,122.67	\$9,100.00	\$8,614.00
E. Extra Work	\$90,610.00	\$47,308.70 *	\$32,515.00	\$59,380.00
TOTALS	\$875,229.00	\$618,644.91	\$620,026.00	\$842,880.00

* The contractor didn't include the 3% owner held contingency on the bid form. This value was calculated to be 3% of the base bid per summary of work 01110 1.05.A. The value shown is the corrected value that includes the 3% owner held contingency.

When evaluating the bid subtotals, the 2nd lowest bidder (lowest qualified bidder) is between the 1st low bidder and the 3rd low bidder on the General Section, Channer Repair and Restoration section, SWPPP section. The 2nd lowest bidder is lower than the average of the 1st and 3rd lowest bidder in the Storm Sewer section.

It is important to note that the decision to use some or all the Extra Work Bid Items would not displace **Solid Bridge Construction** from remaining as the Lowest Qualified Bidder.

Attached hereto, we provided a breakdown of major bid items and unbalanced bid items that could present irregularities for the bidders. The bid items that had a total cost of greater than \$50,000.00 or were considered major bid item unit costs (i.e. excavation, fill, riprap, structures, etc.) are shown in yellow. The bid items which had a cost that fluctuated greater than 500% between the 6 bidders are highlighted in green.

A review of these items found wide ranges of costs amongst the 6 bidders. For the largest



bid items, Items Number 15 and 16 Grade 1 and Grade 2 Rip-Rap, the variation in prices between the 3 lowest bidders were 14% and 22% respectively, which is reasonable. Given the scope and size of the project, including recent market trends, **CobbFendley** considers these prices reasonable.

CobbFendley has checked references and job qualifications provided by **Solid Bridge Construction** and found that they have performed satisfactorily on a similar channel project in Austin County as well as a site development project with outfall improvements in Huntsville, TX. To the best of our knowledge, **Solid Bridge Construction**, appears to be a qualified bidder to perform the required project work. Therefore, we recommend that the project be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder **Solid Bridge Construction** for the total bid amount of **\$620,026.00**.

If you have any questions or require additional information, I can be contacted at 713-462-3242.

Sincerely,

COBB, FENDLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nick Mumme".

Nicholas Mumme, P.E.

Attachment: Bid Tabulation, Irregular Bid Item Tabulation