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From: Jeff Rubio <Jeff@tunnelworksinc.com>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 4:03 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Willie D
Subject: Board Meeting May 4th 2021- Agenda item # 21-00392
Attachments: Protest letter- North Trunk Line Rehabilitation Phase 2.pdf; PlanetBids Vendor Portal-Bid Results.pdf; PPTI Experience Sheet.pdf



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Hello Board Members:

I am writing this email in regards to our protest with regards to the recommendation of awarding Performance Pipeline Technologies, Inc to the Laguna County Sanitation District County Trunk Line Rehabilitation Phase 2 project. We initially protested this project due to the fact the PPTI never installed UV CIPP liners in the City of Los Angeles, their false experience statement sheet on page 4 should have never been allowed to be considered experience in this bid. They did not meet the requirements as stated in the special provisions from addendum #1. The work that was performed with the City of Los Angeles was only felt lining steam work which is totally different from UV curing. This project is intense enough and to have a company with very little UV experience should not be allowed. If you see the bid results other companies are within the realm of each other's bid. In addition PPTI is about 30% below our bid and much more with other's, we can see why the District may consider them due to savings however they don't appear to bid the lining work similar to other's and may have missed critical items outlined in the project specifications or may have bid this project felt lining with steam cure.

Please understand UV vs Steam cure are two totally different cures & setups. A project of this scope the County should have never allowed the reduction in experience to take place. I appears some influences were discussed to lower the experience on this project.

If any work was done with the City of Los Angeles the only allowable material manufacture at the time was BKP Berolina Liner not only were they ever a qualified installer they would have been required to submit 3rd party inspection certifications for each liner prior to installing.

This is an email comment below that was sent to Kevin Thompson after he responded to our protest letter indicating they would continue with recommending award:

You stated in your response letter that page 4 of the bid book consist of only showing contractor's experience list and not required to have UV experience contradicts your Addendum 1 Section 79A item - g) showing 5 similar in magnitude projects. Performance experience sheet clearly shows only 1 project as similar to be 21-inch pilot project they did with Laguna County. Page 4 is the only place to show experience per Addendum #1.

You mention steam cure project would be acceptable qualification but since this is specifically a **UV cured only project** why would the District agree to steam cure experience. So basically your having an unqualified contractor that has very little experience with UV Curing acceptable.

If the District had done a more extensive background check with the City of Los Angeles projects Performance did not install 1 LF of UV Cured liner as stated on page 4, basically providing incorrect information on two projects to make it look like they had installed UV liners for the City. That's basis for bid to be thrown out alone.

Secondly the Huntington beach project was not similar in magnitude per page 4 experience statement. This is a medium diameter project of 21-inch 5800 linear feet how does that compare to a single 8-inch installation to be comfortable with.

Your last item about other parties with affected by the outcome of the bid to be notified, that bid should have never been considered based on the qualifications you set in Addendum #1.

As I mentioned to you on our phone conversation UV (Ultra-Violet) cured vs Steam Cure is two totally different methods of curing. UV curing requires extensive experience with multiple project in order to be a qualified contractor for this project. Steam cure is a very basic method of curing that doesn't require multiple steps needed with UV cure which can cause catastrophic consequences with an in-experience contractor.

We suggest the District should consider re-evaluating the decision to move forward with Performance Pipeline.

Lastly why would the District lower their qualification experience per Addendum #1 on a project with this magnitude.

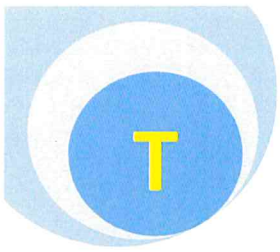
SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Section 79 A. Special Provisions. Add to 500-5.14.2. **Submittals required with the bid.** note g, which currently reads "List of 5 similar UV Cured-in-Place pipe lining projects and install dates that the Contractor has completed with their own crews" is replaced as follows:

g) List of 5 similar UV Cured-in-Place sewer pipe lining projects, install dates, and Owner including contact name and phone number, of a pipe diameter size greater or equal to 10" which have been completed within the last 7 years. Of these projects, at least one shall be greater than or equal to 21" in diameter.

Thank you,

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Kevin Thompson
Civil Engineer
County of Santa Barbara
Public Works Department
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Santa Maria, CA 93455

March 9th 2021

Project Name: North Trunk Sewer Line Rehabilitation Project Phase 2

RE: Official Protest Letter Against Performance Pipeline

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Tunnelworks Services is hereby requesting Laguna County Sanitation District to investigate the experience of Performance Pipeline.

Performance stated as experience installing UV lining for the City of Huntington Beach in 2018 project value of \$65,000. What doesn't make sense is they only ordered 103 meters (337 LF) from BKP Berolina during this time but on IMPREG experience list indicates 2,250 LF installed doesn't correlate with dollar amount. Apparently, this was only pilot test shot as part of a larger scope of felt lining.

With regards to the two projects Performance states as UV experience with the City of Los Angeles are completely false, in order to be a qualified installer with the City they are required to install approved materials and have enough experience to be a viable approved installer. BKP Berolina in 2019 & 2020 was the approved manufacture when I checked with them Performance only ordered one time prior with was the project above in Huntington Beach as they were trying to become an approved installer. they were not a qualified installer until 2021 but only with IMPREG, we have attached the qualified contractors list from BKP Berolina and IMPREG but they had only recently been approved by the City's materials department as installers for IMPREG only last week on 3/1/2021. We ask that you investigate both with the City engineers running the projects and not the General Contractor's they worked for and ask for material procurement & 3rd party inspection which the City always requires on UV projects to validate if they were both UV cured projects.

Here are two manufactures representatives that Performance would have used ordered UV material from and talk with them about materials ordered in the past.

BKP Berolina – Contact: Chris Scarrett (424)558-9872

IMPREG – Contract: Gary Shutts (804) 385-5656

Sincerely,

Jeff Rubio

Jeff Rubio
Vice President

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August 6, 2019

Approved Installers of BKP-Berolina UV-CIPP Products

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1530 Nandina Ave
Perris, CA 92571
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PipeGuard**
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Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
Contact: Randy Gardner

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February 1, 2021

Approved Installers of iMPREG UV-CIPP Products

Performance Pipeline Technologies Inc.
5305 Industrial Dr
Huntington Beach, CA 92649
Contact: Gene Glassburner

Southwest Pipeline and Trenchless Corp.
22118 S Vermont Ave
Torrance, CA 90502
Contact: Rob Bolger

Tunnelworks Services Inc.
13502H Whittier Blvd. Suite #165
Whittier, CA 90605
Contact: Jeff Rubio

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IMPREG LLC Certified Installers Reference List-

Installer: **National Water Main Cleaning Company-**

Project #1

Project Location: Tarrytown, NY

Project Description: UV lining of 650 lf of 36", CMP storm drain

Date Completed: 2019

Project #2

Project Location: Valley Stream, NY

Project Description: UV lining of 1,200 lf of 8", VCP sanitary drain

Date Completed: 2019

Project #3

Project Location: East Bangor, PA

Project Description: UV lining of 1,097 lf of 30", corrugated metal storm drain

Date Completed: 2019

Project #4

Project Location: Salem, NH

Project Description: UV lining of 1,500 lf of 1,500 15", VCP sanitary sewer

Date Completed: 2019

Project #5

Project Location: Borough of Jenkintown, PA

Project Description: UV lining of 7,423 lf of 8", 10", VCP sanitary sewer

Date Completed: 2020

Project #6

Project Location: Town of Riverhead, NY

Project Description: UV lining of 80 lf of 18",

Date Completed: 2019

Project #7

Project Location: City of Massachusetts

Project Description: UV lining of 178 lf of 12", 15", 24", 30", 42" sanitary sewer

Date Completed: 2019

Project #8

Project Location: Township of Salem

Project Description: UV lining of 1,500 lf of 15", storm drain

Date Completed: 2019



Project #9

Project Location: Borough of Madison
Project Description: UV lining of 400 of 24" sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 2020

Project # 10

Project Location: Rockland County Sewer District
Project Description: UV lining of 400 lf of 27" storm drain
Date Completed: 2020

Project #11

Project Location: Town of Hartsdale
Project Description: UV lining of 240 lf of 36", 48" , sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 2020

Project #12

Project Location: City of Buffalo
Project Description: UV lining of 890 lf of 15", 18", 20", sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 2020

Project #13

Project Location: City of Westerly
Project Description: UV lining of 1,100 lf of 15", 18", 24", 30" sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 2020

Project #14

Project Location: Town of Greenwich
Project Description: UV lining of 640 lf of 16", storm drain
Date Completed: 2020

Project #15

Project Location: Village of E. Hampton
Project Description: UV lining of 310 lf of 30", storm drain
Date Completed: 2020

Project # 16- #25

Project Locations: NJ-NY
Project Description: UV lining of 2500 lf, 8"- 46", sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 2020



Installer: **Tunnelworks Services, Inc-**

Project#1

Project Location: City of Los Angeles
Project Description: UV lining of 232 lf of 8", sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 3/1/2018

Project #2

Project Location: City of Carlsbad
Project Description: UV lining of 95 lf of 18", storm drain
Date Completed: 3/15/2018

Project #3

Project Location: City of Los Angeles
Project Description: UV lining of 430 lf of 10", sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 3/15/2018

Project #4

Project Location: City of Los Angeles
Project Description: UV lining of 345 lf of 8", sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 10/2/2018

Project #5

Project Location: City of Los Angeles
Project Description: UV lining of 1545 lf of 8", sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 7/31/2018

Project #6

Project Location: City of Hermosa Beach
Project Description: UV lining of 995 lf of 8", sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 7/30/2018

Project #7

Project Location: Irvine, California (Univ. of Irvine)
Project Description: UV lining of 110 lf & 95 lf of 15" & 18", storm drain
Date Completed: 8/12/2018

Project #8

Project Location: Northridge Fashion Center
Project Description: UV lining of 585 lf, 3628 lf, 320 lf, of 6", 8", 10"-sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 10/26/2018



Project #9

Project Location: Glendale Galleria
Project Description: UV lining of 715 lf, of 8", sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 10/30/2018

Project #10

Project Location: City of Los Angeles
Project Description: UV lining of 283 lf of 8", sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 12/20/2018

Project #11

Project Location: Torrance, California (Robinson Helicopter Plant)
Project Description: UV lining of 625 lf of 8", sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 2/11/2019

Project #12

Project Location: Northridge Fashion Center Mall
Project Description: UV lining of 791 lf, 320 lf, 932 lf, 490 lf, 8"-18" sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 7/12/2019

Project #13

Project Location: Bahia Blanca West Sewer Lining Project
Project Description: UV lining of 188 lf, 12", sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 6/19/2019

Project #14

Project Location: City of Los Angeles
Project Description: UV lining of 300 lf, 8", sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 6/21/2019

Project #15

Project Location: Wilshire Area Sewer Rehab Project
Project Description: UV lining of 134 lf, 747 lf, 36", 39", sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 12/19/2019 & 1/30/2020

Project #16

Project Location: Camarillo
Project Description: UV lining of 500 lf, 15" storm drain
Date Completed: 12/10/2019

Project #17

Project Location: Bakersfield, CA (Bakersfield Mall)
Project Description: UV lining of 1775 lf, 8" sanitary sewer
Date Completed: 5/18/2020



Project #18

Project Location: City of Claremont

Project Description: UV lining of 3,052 lf, 8" sanitary sewer

Date Completed: 8/14/2020

Installer: **Performance Pipeline Technologies:**

Project #1

Project Location: City of Huntington Beach, Mandeville Drive

Project Description: UV lining of 2,250 lf of 8", sanitary sewer

Date Completed: 11/2018

Project #2

Project Location: City of Ventura, Ventura Keys Ground Water Lining Project

Project Description: UV lining of 2,750 lf of 6", 15" storm drain

Date Completed: 1/2019

Project #3

Project Location: City of Anaheim, Katella Avenue

Project Description: UV lining of 850 lf, of 15" sanitary sewer

Date Completed: 4/2019

Project #4

Project Location: East Orange County Water District

Project Description: UV lining of 650 lf, of 8" of sanitary sewer

Date Completed: 7/2019

Project #5

Project Location: City of L.A.

Project Description: UV lining of 450 lf of 6" of sanitary sewer

Date Completed: 9/2019

Project #6

Project Location: Laguna Sanitary District; West Foster Road

Project Description: UV lining of 850 lf of 20" of sanitary sewer

Date Completed: 3/2020

Project #7

Project Location: Caltrans, Route 74

Project Description: UV lining of 435 lf of 36" storm drain

Date Completed: 6/2020



Installer: **Southwest Pipeline:-**

Project #1

Project Location: Caltrans, Route 905

Project Description: UV lining of 1,008 lf of 36" storm drain

Date Completed: 6/2020

Project #2

Project Location: City of Santee

Project Description: UV lining of 224 lf, 845 lf, 963 lf, 645 lf, 1705 lf, 18", 24", 30", 36", 42" storm drain

Date Completed: 6/2019

Project #3

Project Location: City of Rolling Hills Estates

Project Location: UV lining of 478 lf of 18", storm drain

Date Completed: 6/2019

County of Santa Barbara

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NORTH TRUNK LINE REHABILITATION PHASE 2 NRTUN2

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Line Items

Vendor	Type	Bid Amount
Performance pipeline technologies, Inc	MICRO	\$958,070.00
TUNNELWORKS SERVICES INC	CADIR	\$1,356,250.00
Southwest Pipeline & Trenchless Corp.		\$1,514,970.00
Michels Corporation		\$1,624,081.00
Mocon Corp		\$1,801,870.00
JR Pipeline Co., Inc.	MBE, CADIR	\$3,142,300.00

EXPERIENCE STATEMENT

Performance Pipeline Technologies, Inc.

The following outline is a record of your experience in construction of a type similar in magnitude and character to that contemplated under this contract and performed within the last five (5) years. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

PROJECT TITLE: North trunk line Rehabilitation Phase 1

DESCRIPTION (TYPE OF WORK)	CUSTOMER/ AGENCY	CONTACT PERSON PHONE NUMBER	YEAR COMPLETED	DOLLAR VALUE
UV CIPP Lining of Asbestos-LCSO Pipe		Kevin Thompson	2020	\$59,175.00

PROJECT TITLE: City of Huntington Beach - Emergency

DESCRIPTION (TYPE OF WORK)	CUSTOMER/ AGENCY	CONTACT PERSON PHONE NUMBER	YEAR COMPLETED	DOLLAR VALUE
UV CIPP Lining	City of H.B.	Mark Birchfield 714 329-2885	2018	\$65,000.00

PROJECT TITLE: Sewers 6

DESCRIPTION (TYPE OF WORK)	CUSTOMER/ AGENCY	CONTACT PERSON PHONE NUMBER	YEAR COMPLETED	DOLLAR VALUE
UV CIPP AS Needed CIPP Lining	City of Los Angeles Sub for TOMASIAN	Tom Andrejill 626 688-2544	2019	\$239,000.00

PROJECT TITLE: Emergency Sewer Repair

DESCRIPTION (TYPE OF WORK)	CUSTOMER/ AGENCY	CONTACT PERSON PHONE NUMBER	YEAR COMPLETED	DOLLAR VALUE
UV CIPP Lining & CIPP Lining	City of Los Angeles Sub for MATHEW + STEWART	Bruce Flowers 310 505-5657	2020	\$590,000.00

PROJECT TITLE: 15" Emergency Sewer Repair

DESCRIPTION (TYPE OF WORK)	CUSTOMER/ AGENCY	CONTACT PERSON PHONE NUMBER	YEAR COMPLETED	DOLLAR VALUE
UV CIPP Lining	City of Anaheim Sub for VASILY	John Gavigan 909 772 2631	2019	\$85,000.00