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Subject: RE: Old 163 Cost Estimate

Good Afternoon

This morning we received the bids for the Old Highway 163 project. Below are the apparent bids:

Manatt's Inc.: \$1,152,958.40
Wicks Construction Inc.: \$1,158,725.75
Metro Pavers Inc.: \$1,185,901.50
Concrete Technologies Inc.: \$1,277,292.52

We are verifying the bids, if all the math holds up the City share would be \$109,531.05 and the County share would be \$1,043,427.35 should the contract be awarded. While I'm pleased with the competitiveness of the bids, it is certainly much higher than our estimated project amount. After visiting with Contractors following the two projects that we let on March 14th, it is clear to me that there is a lot of work available to contractors right now and the pricing is reflecting the construction economic climate. We could certainly reject the bids and relet the project, but I'm of the opinion at this point that we would not receive more favorable pricing, even if we were to adjust the specified timeframe allowing for completion to occur next year. Please let me know your thoughts at your earliest convenience on the City's stance on whether we award the project or go back to the drawing board.

Thanks,

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