

City of Pflugerville
Justice Center Sewer Improvements Project
MA Project No. MA1008

BID EVALUATION & RECOMMENDATION

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Discussion:

1. This is an Evaluation of the (3) Bidders:
 - a. HCS, Inc.
 - b. Novium Group, LLC
 - c. Coppera, LLC

2. There seemed to be quite a disparity in the bid amounts. This could have been due to the Bidders not being able to visit the actual project site for information gathering.
 - a. **HCS, Inc. – \$74,600**
 - This bid seems unusually low.
 - It seems as if they are missing some element of the work in their bid. This may lead to more Change Orders than usual to complete the project.
 - To date, we have only worked with HCS on (1) project, and they have been good to work with.

 - b. **Novium Group, LLC - \$105,000**
 - This bid seems a little low.
 - We believe that they are closer to what the actual project cost should be. With this bid they have room in the budget to make up for any omissions through Change Orders.
 - In our experience of working with Novium, they have always been very responsive, pay attention to detail and are very easy to work with. To date we have worked with them on (5) projects and have had an excellent outcome in every case.

 - c. **Coppera, LLC - \$194,750**
 - This bid seems high.
 - Any Change Orders that are issued will push the cost of the project closer to the original estimate from 2018.
 - Our experience with Coppera is that they are very knowledgeable but slow to respond. Since this project has a short time line, this could be problematic.

3. All (3) companies seem well qualified for the work at hand.

4. Based on our review of the provided Bid Proposals and working experience with all (3) Contractors, our recommendation is to select **HCS, Inc.** for this project.