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August 8, 2022

Paul Mantello, Town Manager
Town of Boonsboro
21 North Main Street
Boonsboro, MD 21713

**RE: Bid Results - Engineer's Recommendation
Sludge Dewatering Project
Town of Boonsboro, Washington County, MD**

Dear Mr. Mantello:

Please find enclosed the certified tabulation of bids received Monday, February 13, 2023 for the above referenced project.

A total of three (3) bids were submitted. The low bidder for the Contract is HRI, Inc., State College, PA. (\$2,220,787.00). HRI, Inc. has successfully performed on similar GD&F projects and has the technical, managerial, and financial resources to complete the project based on past experiences. The engineer's cost estimate was \$1.8 million (not including \$495,000 for the equipment procured by the Town from Fornier). The low bid came in about 25% higher than the estimate. Material and fuel prices continue to fluctuate rapidly which likely drove the higher than expected bids. The second low bidder was approximately 6% higher than HRI, which suggests that the bid prices are relevant.

Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, Inc. (GD&F) reviewed the documents submitted by HRI, Inc. and found them in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. The 5% Bid Bond was furnished by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, an approved surety by the US Treasury Department (circular 570). Based on the foregoing information, we recommend The Town of Boonsboro issue a Notice-of-Intent-to-Award for the Sludge Dewatering Project to HRI, Inc., State College, PA, in the amount of \$2,220,787.00. Please note that The Town has 90 days from February 13, 2023, to award the contract per the bidding documents.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact us at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,
GWIN, DOBSON & FOREMAN, INC.

David Pedersen, P.E.
Senior Environmental Engineer

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TABULATION OF BIDS

**TOWN OF BOONSBORO
BOONSBORO WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
SLUDGE DEWATERING PROJECT**

FEBRUARY 13, 2023 @ 10:00 AM

BID CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the following amounts are a correct and accurate tabulation of the bids received by the Town of Boonsboro for the Boonsboro Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Dewatering Project, publicly opened and read aloud on February 6, 2023 after 10:00 AM.

David E. Pedersen, P.E.
Senior Environmental Engineer



BID TABULATION

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SLUDGE DEWATERING PROJECT**

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BIDDER	TOTAL BASE BID PRICE	BID SECURITY
HRI, Inc. 1750 West College Avenue State College, PA 16803	\$2,220,787.00	5% Bid Bond
Leonard S. Fiore, Inc. 5506 6 th Avenue Altoona, PA 16602	\$2,352,000.00	5% Bid Bond
Conewago Enterprises, Inc. 660 Edgegrove Road P.O. Box 407 Hanover, PA 17331	\$2,943,200.00	5% Bid Bond