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Mr. Paul Colvin, Jr., Mayor
 City of Tontitown
 235 E. Henri De Tonti
 Tontitown, AR 72770

Re: Recommendation of Award – Water & Sewer Improvements
 Water Improvements: U.S. Hwy. 412 Water Line / Pozza Lane Extension / S. Pianalto
 and Kelly Ave. Water Connections
 Sewer Improvements: Morsani Ave. Gravity Sewer Extension
 USI Project No. 1609016

Dear Mayor Colvin and City Council Members:

Bids were received Monday, June 20, 2016 for the above referenced project. Six bids were received as follows:

NAME	SCH. A	SCH. B	SCH. C	SCH. D	TOTAL BID
Ground Zero Construction	\$279,024.06	\$60,327.90	\$89,784.25	\$117,105.17	\$546,241.38
Goodwin & Goodwin	\$308,950.00	\$76,445.00	\$98,350.00	\$186,665.00	\$670,410.00
General Construction Solutions	\$374,051.35	\$93,548.98	\$133,192.08	\$140,349.53	\$741,141.94
Fochtman Enterprises	\$491,710.00	\$96,025.00	\$140,550.00	\$160,410.00	\$888,695.00
Dean Crowder Construction	\$491,233.02	\$96,812.43	\$131,003.25	\$185,124.65	\$904,173.35
Goins Enterprises	\$458,100.00	\$157,905.00	\$165,050.00	\$233,455.00	\$1,014,510.00

The low bid was submitted by Ground Zero Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$546,241.38. A copy of the certified bid tabulation showing the complete bid is included for your reference, along with a copy of the list of persons attending the bid opening. The engineer's construction cost estimate for the project prior to receipt of bids was \$775,000.00.

We have reviewed the Statement of Bidders Qualifications submitted by Ground Zero Construction, Inc., and based upon the information provided, we believe them to be qualified for this project. Ground Zero currently has under contract approximately \$13,500,000 worth of projects. The only project they have completed for the City of Tontitown was the Taldo Loop Roadway improvements project in 2011 in the amount of approximately \$400,000. We believe them to be qualified to successfully complete this project.

While we have no way of verifying the present financial condition of Ground Zero Construction, Inc., the contract documents require the furnishing of 100 percent performance and payment bonds prior to authorization of the notice to proceed. Therefore, we recommend that the City award this contract to Ground Zero Construction, Inc. in the amount bid of \$546,241.38.

The contract requires substantial completion of the project within 150 days from the date of the issuance of the notice to proceed and final completion 180 days thereafter.

Sincerely,
USI CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.



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