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 Our Reference: 28810

**Town of Claresholm**  
 111 55 Ave West  
 Claresholm, Alberta  
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Attention: Jace McLean, Director of Infrastructure

Dear Sir:

**Reference: Recommendation for Award – RFQ-26-28810 – Hwy 520 Watermain and Sanitary Upgrades**

ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. (ISL) is pleased to provide this Recommendation to Award Letter in regard to the Town of Claresholm (Town) Highway 520 Watermain and Sanitary Upgrades Project.

Six (6) submissions were received on February 10, 2026, for this project and evaluations of each submittal were completed by ISL.

The highest evaluated quote of **\$1,336,360.45** (GST Included) was submitted by **United Utilities Ltd.** The quote is 20.1% lower than the engineers estimate of \$1,672,780.31 (GST Included and 10% Contingency Included), which was based on recent industry pricing. An evaluation summary and bid summary for the submissions has been attached for reference.

RFQ-26-28810 – Submission Summary			
Contractor	Price (Including GST)	% Difference from Estimate	Evaluation Ranking
<b>United Utilities Ltd.</b>	<b>\$1,336,360.45</b>	<b>-20.1%</b>	<b>85.0</b>
O’Leary Excavating Ltd.	\$1,436,961.59	-14.1%	79.0
Volker Stevin Construction Ltd.	\$2,080,266.51	24.4%	77.1
East Butte Contracting Ltd.	\$1,666,407.75	-0.4%	75.1
Whissell Contracting Ltd.	\$2,290,840.61	36.9%	74.2
Dunwald and Fleming Enterprises Ltd.	\$2,270,078.93	35.7%	71.9

The majority of unit prices submitted by United Utilities Ltd. are considered reasonable and provide fair value for the Town. However, the following items require clarification and/or supporting documentation from the Contractor:

- Confirm whether Builders Risk insurance is in place for the Contract.
- Confirm whether Professional Liability insurance is in place for the Contract.
- Supply general project approach including all critical tasks.
- Confirm that all required construction submittals relating to trenchless construction (HDD, Augured Boring, Bypass Pumping) will be submitted.
- Confirm ATEC surfacing materials.



- Confirm that the bypass pumping can accommodate the peak flows noted in the RFQ.

ISL will review the above items with United Utilities Ltd. and, subject to satisfactory responses, recommends that the Town of Claresholm award the Contract to United Utilities Ltd. in the amount shown.

Due to the complexity of the project and the potential for unknown conditions associated with underground work, we recommend that the Town carry the following contingency in addition to the contract award amount:

Contractor Bid:	\$ 1,336,360.45
15% Contingency:	\$ 200,454.07
<b>Total Amount:</b>	<b>\$ 1,536,814.52</b>

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Marc Krushelnicki, C.E.T.  
Project Manager  
ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd.

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