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Board of Public Works  
West Allis City Hall  
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Re: Project No. 2025-16 – Watermain Relay Project – S. 99<sup>th</sup> St. between W. Lincoln Ave. and W. Becher St.

Dear Board Members:

The Engineering Department opened bids on June 4, 2025 for the replacement of the watermain on S. 99<sup>th</sup> St. between W. Lincoln Ave. and W. Becher St. There were 4 bidders and the bids ranged from \$335,777.00 to \$480,173.00. The budget is \$450,000.00.

When contractors submit bids, there are several technical procedures that are supposed to be followed. One of those technical items is to submit a signed Disclosure of Ownership form. This form requires the disclosure of any other construction business owned by the contractor in the preceding 3 years. This allows the City to verify, if needed, that the contractor has paid the prevailing wage or time and one-half that are required of some contracts.

For this bid, American Sewer Services, Inc. is the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$335,777.00. However, they failed to sign the Disclosure of Ownership form. UPI Construction, LLC is the apparent second low bidder with a bid of \$347,468.70. The difference between the 2 bids is \$11,691.70. The Engineering Department is recommending awarding to apparent second low bidder, UPI Construction, LLC due to this technical error. The Common Council has the authority to waive this requirement for this project if they feel that this technical requirement is not material to the decision for this contract. There have been issues with American Sewer Services on past projects.

Please reach out with any questions.

Thank you,

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