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Mr. Matt Logan
Project Manager
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Engineering Division
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Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

**Re: Sunrise Waterway Maintenance Dredging
Bid Review Summary, Bid No. 20250511
CEC File No. 25.120**

Dear Matt:

Pursuant to the County's request and within our contracted scope, CEC reviewed the two bids submitted by Kelly Brothers and Williamson Brothers to determine if they meet the requirements for the Sunrise Waterway Maintenance Dredging Project (Project) based on the criteria within the Bid Documents. As such, CEC reviewed the submitted bid forms and attachments which included statement of experience, references, and plant and equipment schedule. The criteria within the Bid Documents for a responsive bidder included, but was not limited to, submitting a plant and equipment schedule that demonstrated their capacity to complete the work in the Contract Time and submitting a minimum of three recent projects of similar size and scope that demonstrated their experience with maintenance dredging.

In their bid, Williamson Brothers provided a plant and equipment schedule that listed three pieces of equipment: loader, skid steer, and excavator. They did not list any barges or other ancillary equipment necessary to conduct the maintenance dredging of Sunrise Waterway. In Kelly Brothers bid, they provided a plant and equipment schedule that listed pieces of equipment: excavators (7), mini-excavators (6), loaders (2), barges (18), crew boats 96), and push boats (5); which is more than sufficient to conduct the maintenance dredging of Sunrise Waterway.

In their bid, Williamson Brothers provided twelve projects to demonstrate their experience. One project included beach renourishment. The remaining eleven projects included seawalls and/or docks. None of the twelve projects included navigation channel dredging similar in size and scope to the work required for your Project. In their bid, Kelly Brothers provided ten projects to demonstrate their experience. Three projects included navigation channel dredging and one project that included beach work along with numerous marine structure projects that included a dredging component. Kelly Brothers' project experience is similar in size and scope to the work required for your Project.

As Williamson Brothers did not provide a plant and equipment schedule that demonstrates they have sufficient dredge equipment to complete the Project, and did not provide the minimum of three dredging projects in their experience summary that were similar in size and scope to the Project, it is our understanding that because of this lack of specific experience and demonstration of capacity, under County Purchasing policy, their bid must be considered non-responsive.

Kelly Brothers has demonstrated they successfully completed multiple dredging projects of a similar magnitude. It is our professional opinion that their plant and equipment should have sufficient capacity to construct the Project within the Contract Time. Therefore, our recommendation of Contract award is to Kelly Brothers.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (239) 643-2324, extension 126 or via email at mpoff@cecifl.com.

Respectfully submitted,
COASTAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael T. Poff", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael T. Poff, P.E.
President