

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**  
**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of:

**ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF GARRARD COUNTY)  
WATER ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR THE ISSUANCE OF )  
A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND )  
NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT A WATER SYSTEM )  
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AN ORDER ) Case No. 2023 - 00128  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES )  
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF )  
KRS 278.020, KRS 278.300 AND 807 KAR 5:001 )**

**Response to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information**

The Garrard County Water Association, Inc. ("Garrard County Water"), by Counsel, hereby files its Response to the Commission Staff's Second Request for Information, dated July 12, 2023, as follows:

**REQUEST 1:** Refer to the Application, Exhibit H, Certified Bid Tabulation. Provide the criteria that Garrard County Water will use or has used to evaluate the bids, including but not limited to cost.

**WITNESS:** Ryan Carr, P. E., Kentucky Engineering Group, PLLC.

**RESPONSE 1:**

Garrard County Water, with the assistance of the Engineers, evaluated the bids based on the total cost submitted and then checked the references and past experience of the lowest bidder. Generally, the Engineers are familiar with the bidders and can make a recommendation as to whether the owner should accept or reject the lowest bidder. The Engineer performed its evaluation and submitted its letter of recommendation to Garrard County Water (attached hereto) and such bid was accepted.

**REQUEST 2:** Refer to Garrard County Water's Response to Commission Staff's First Request for Information, Item 8. Explain how Garrard County Water determined that the bid was below the amount that requires competitive bidding.

**WITNESS:** Ryan Carr, P. E., Kentucky Engineering Group, PLLC.

**RESPONSE 2:**

Garrard County Water, with the assistance of its Engineer, determined that (i) KRS 45A.385 applied to the demolition of the Toddville Tank as being a small purchase by a local public agency of a contract price under \$30,000; and (ii) KRS 45A.380(2) regarding noncompetitive negotiation applied as the contractor is a single source within a reasonable geographical area that performs demolition of water storage tanks. The contractor's office is located in an adjacent county.

**REQUEST 3:** State whether Garrard County Water intends to sell the property that Toddsville Tank is currently located on, and if not, state the expected use Garrard County Water has for the property.

**WITNESS:** Ryan Carr, P. E., Kentucky Engineering Group, PLLC.

**RESPONSE 3:** Garrard County Water does not at the present time intend to sell the Toddsville Tank property and has not determined a specific use for said property.

**Certification of Responses to Commission Staff's Second Request for Information**

I hereby certify that I have supervised the preparation of the Responses to the Commission Staff's Second Request for Information. This information provided in the Responses is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

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**Ryan Carr**


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Ryan Carr, P.E.  
Kentucky Engineering Group, PLLC

The undersigned has prepared this Response as Counsel to and on behalf of the Garrard County Water Association, Inc., a governmental agency, and hereby certifies that this Response is true and accurate to the best of the undersign's knowledge, information and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.


Respectfully Submitted:

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 8, hereby certifies that Garrard County Water Association, Inc.'s electronic filing of the foregoing Response is a true and accurate copy of the same document being electronically transmitted to the Kentucky Public Service Commission on July 14, 2023; and that there are currently no parties that the Kentucky Public Service Commission has excused from participation by electronic means in this proceeding.

  
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July 20, 2022

Sean Smith  
Garrard County Water Association  
315 Lexington Road  
Lancaster, KY 40444

RE: Recommendation of Award  
Contract 1 - Water System Improvements

Dear Mr. Smith:

Bids for the above referenced project were opened Thursday July 14, 2022 at 2:00 pm EST. Four bids were received, and the low bidder was Akins Excavation Company, Inc., Corbin, Kentucky with a base bid of \$1,385,810. The total of the base bid plus all the alternates was \$2,979,966. To ensure the project is within budget the base bid plus alternate #7 - Bell Lane and alternate #9 - Sugar Creek is being considered in the amount of \$1,613,030.

Upon review of the bid documents and previous experience with the low Bidder, Kentucky Engineering Group, PLLC recommends to the Garrard County Water Association that Akins Excavation Company, Inc. be awarded the Contract 1 - Water System Improvements project.

A copy of the certified bid tabulation is attached to this letter.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,

KENTUCKY ENGINEERING GROUP, PLLC

  
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ADDITIVE ALTERNATE NO. 9 SUGAR CREEK RD. BID PRICES											
Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit	Alkins Excavating Company, Inc.		BOCA Enterprises		Frederick & May Construction Co.		Weddle Enterprises Inc.	
				\$ / Unit	Bid Amount	\$ / Unit	Bid Amount	\$ / Unit	Bid Amount	\$ / Unit	Bid Amount
1	3" SDR 17 PVC Water Main	1,750	LF	\$ 24.00	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 38,500.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 78,750.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 26,250.00
2	Directional Bored 4" HDPE Pipe for Creek Crossing	650	LF	\$ 115.00	\$ 74,750.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 104,000.00	\$ 114.00	\$ 74,100.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 98,800.00
3	Connection to Existing Water Main (Dry Connections)	1	EA	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
4	Blowoff Assembly	1	EA	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
5	New Customer Service Connection	2	EA	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 2,270.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 2,460.00
TOTAL CALCULATED BID AMOUNT				\$	123,120.00	\$	152,850.00	\$	162,650.00	\$	130,910.00
(Additive Alternate No. 9)											

	Alkins Excavating Company, Inc.	BOCA Enterprises	Frederick & May Construction Co.	Weddle Enterprises Inc.
Base Bid	\$ 1,385,810.00	\$ 1,393,350.00	\$ 1,957,561.00	\$ 2,048,165.00
Alternates	\$ 1,594,156.00	\$ 1,691,285.00	\$ 2,352,278.50	\$ 1,913,590.00
Base + Alls	\$ 2,979,966.00	\$ 3,084,635.00	\$ 4,309,839.50	\$ 3,961,755.00

Calculation errors on Bid Form

KENTUCKY ENGINEERING GROUP PLLC

By 

Ryan Carr PE