



Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Inc.

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To: Leo Trevino

From: Dustin Cravey

RE: Matagorda Island: Mesquite Point and Outer Rim Culvert Replacement
Contractor Selection

Leo,

CBBEP opened sealed bids on July 13, 2010 for the Matagorda Island: Mesquite Point and Outer Rim Culvert Replacement project, at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. All three bidders attended the Pre-Bid Meeting and Site visit, and are therefore familiar with the remote location and site conditions associated with Matagorda Island.

As shown on the below Bid Tabulation table, Mendez Welding & Contracting (Mendez) had the low bid, at **\$107,490**. Lester Contracting had the next lowest bid, at \$110,000.

Bid Tabulation

	J.M. Davidson	Lester Contracting	Mendez Welding & Contracting
Mobilization	75,396.00	40,000.00	20,000.00
Mesquite Point Culvert Replacement	66,959.00	35,000.00	43,745.00
Outer Rim Culvert Replacement	61,245.00	35,000.00	43,745.00
Total Bid	203,600.00	110,000.00	107,490.00
Standby Time Daily Rate	4,500.00	2,500.00	1,700.00

Mendez is on the approved contractor list of several local and state government agencies (including City of Corpus Christi and Texas Department of Transportation) and is registered with the federal Central Contractor Registration database as being eligible to work for federal agencies. A cursory internet search, including the Better Business Bureau, revealed no complaints or other negative information about Mendez.

Mendez listed recent projects for Naval Air Station Kingsville, Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, and Lower Rio Grande National Wildlife Refuge as references. For all three references, representatives of the project owner stated that Mendez performed exemplary work – to the extent of working late hours and weekends to make up for delays imposed by the owner, and implementing change orders at no or minimal additional cost. Aransas National Wildlife Refuge has awarded Mendez a separate contract for other culvert replacement projects on Matagorda Island.

Accordingly, I recommend we ask the CBBEP Board of Director to do the following:

1) Authorize CBBEP to negotiate with and award a contract to Mendez Welding & Contracting, in the amount of their bid, to implement work as described in the Request for Bids for Matagorda Island: Mesquite Point and Outer Rim Culvert Replacement.

and

2) In the event that Mendez is unable to meet the requirements listed in the Request for Bids for Matagorda Island: Mesquite Point and Outer Rim Culvert Replacement (such as providing a Certificate of Liability Insurance, Payment Bond, and Performance Bond), or is otherwise disqualified, authorize CBBEP to negotiate with and award a contract to Lester Contracting, in the amount of their bid, to implement work as described in the Request for Bids.

Sincerely,



Dustin Cravey