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Scott K. Ney
Director, Facility Operations

**Community Unit
School District 304**

TO: Dr. Kent Mutchler

FROM: Scott Ney

RE: 2023-24 Geneva High School Segmental Retaining Wall
Replacement Bid Summary

DATE: April 18, 2023

Bids were publicly posted on Thursday, March 30, 2023, in the Daily Herald.

On April 18, 2023, at 10:30 am, bids were opened and read aloud for the 2023-24 GHS Segmental Retaining Wall Replacement bid.

Two (2) bidders responded. The results are shown below. The low bidder is highlighted.

The contractors submitting bids were:
Langton Group – Woodstock, IL
LawnBoyZ Landscaping – St. Charles, IL

Results are as follows:

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>Bid Bond</u>	<u>Base Bid Amount</u>
Langton Group	X	\$148,500.00
LawnBoyZ Landscaping	X	\$63,737.00

It is my recommendation that LawnBoyZ Landscaping be awarded the base bid contract for \$63,737 for the 2023-24 Geneva High School Segmental Retaining Wall Replacement project. I also recommend including a 5% construction contingency as recommended by Cashman Stahler Group Architects. The contingency amount of \$3,187 will bring the total project cost to \$66,924.



Cashman Stahler Group

April 18, 2023

Mr. Scott Ney
Director of Facility Operations
Geneva Community Unit School District 304
227 N. Fourth Street
Geneva, IL 60134

Segmental Wall Replacement - Geneva High School
Geneva Community Unit School District 304
Project Number: CSG792

RE: Bid Recommendation

Scott,

I am writing in regards to the bidding for the referenced project and to recommend a bidder to you and the Board of Education. First, I would like to provide a little background regarding the project and the bidding.

Project Scope of Work

In general, the project scope of work includes the selective demolition of the existing failing segmental retaining wall, earthwork, subsurface drainage systems, installation of the new segmental retaining walls, and landscape restoration. The work will take place on the north side of Geneva High School.

Bidding Approach

Bids were solicited from landscaping contractors who will act as general contractors for the project. We published a bid notice in the Daily Herald on Thursday, March 30, 2023. In addition, we sent the bid notice to a digital bidding service to which many contractors subscribe for information related to public construction projects.

We sent the bid documents to five (5) landscaping contractors who saw the published bid notice. We also contacted one (1) landscaping contractor who has successfully completed past projects for the District.

The bid documents consist of five (5) 30"x42" drawings and two hundred twenty-four (224) pages of Specifications and other contract requirements in a Project Manual. The bid documents were issued electronically on Saturday, April 8, 2023 to all interested bidders and the digital bidding service.

On Tuesday, April 11, 2023, we held a mandatory pre-bid meeting at Coultrap Educational Services Center to review important project requirements with all registered bidders. A total of four (4) contractors attended the pre-bid meeting.

Bid Opening

On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 10:30 a.m., we held a public bid opening at the Coultrap Educational Services Center. At bid time, we received two (2) sealed bids and the bid opening was attended by one (1) bidder.

Bid Results

We received sealed bids from the following bidders and the bids were publicly opened and read. There were no alternate bids or unit prices.

Bidder	Base Bid
Langton Group	\$148,500
LawnBoyz Landscaping	\$63,737



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Midwest Excavators No bid
MM Peters' Construction No bid

Comparison to Budget

The District budget for the work was Sixty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$68,000). We are pleased that LawnBoyZ Landscaping's bid was under the budgeted amount. The base bid amount also includes a Six Thousand One Hundred Eight-Two Dollar (\$6,182) Owner's Contingency Allowance which we believe should adequately cover the costs of typical unforeseen conditions.

Bid Analysis - Evaluation of LawnBoyZ Landscaping

The lowest apparent bidder was LawnBoyZ Landscaping, Inc. located in St. Charles, Illinois. Their firm has been in business since 2003. It initial started servicing the neighborhoods of Geneva and has since expanded to serve commercial and residential properties across the entire Fox Valley.

On Tuesday, April 18, 2023, I held a scope review meeting with Chad Markuson, Partner, from LawnBoyZ Landscaping, Inc. We reviewed the required scope of work, their submitted bid form, and general project requirements. Chad had no reservations with their bid and were looking forward to working for the District again. Based on our bid review, I believe they fully understand the required scope of work in the Contract Documents.

LawnBoyZ Landscaping has successfully worked with the school district in the past. Based on discussions with Scott Ney, they have performed well on all projects including, but not limited to, landscaping, mulching, snow removal, and brick paver installations. As district supporters and alumni, they worked with Geneva High School's horticulture class and donated time, labor, and material to beautify the front entrance and donated paver work at the Viking statue.

Examples of their district work include, but are not limited to, \$22,000 of landscaping work at the General High School's modular classrooms in 2016, \$15,000 of landscaping at Fabyan Elementary School's front entrance in 2016, and a \$5,000 courtyard landscaping project at Harrison Street Elementary School in 2017.

Recommendation

In conclusion, we believe LawnBoyZ Landscaping, Inc. has included all the required work in their bid and are a quality landscaping contractor that should perform well on the segmental retaining wall replacement work this summer.

The Cashman Stahler Group recommends that the Geneva Community Unit School District 304 Board of Education award an Owner-Contractor Agreement to **LawnBoyZ Landscaping, Inc.** for the Work indicated in the Contract Documents for a Contract Sum of **Sixty-Three Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars and Zero Cents (\$63,737.00)**.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

CASHMAN STAHLER GROUP, INC.

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Stephen J. Cashman".

Stephen J. Cashman, AIA, LEED AP BD+C
Principal Architect

cc: Project File
Attachments: Completed bid tabulation

Bid Tabulation - Geneva CUSD 304 - Segmental Retaining Wall Replacement

Geneva High School
 Geneva Community Unit School District 304
 Project CSG785

Bid Opening: Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
 Opening Location: Coultrap Educational Services Center, 227 N. Fourth St., Geneva, IL 60134



Cashman Stahler Group
 Architects

Registered Bidder Company Name	Bid Security Submitted?		Base Bid Amount	Alternate Bids			Unit Prices				Contractor Alternates & Notes
	Bond	Check		None	None	None	None	None	None	None	
Langton Group			\$ 148,500.00								
LawnBoyZ Landscaping			\$ 63,737.00								Apparent low bidder
Midwest Excavators			No bid								
MM Peters' Construction Inc.			No bid								