

Leland Dam Bridge Repair Bids Notes

Objective: Replacement of Leland Dam Bridge with the use of Ipe, Thermally Modified Ash, or Treated SYP for long term durability with low maintenance. Ipe and Thermally Modified Ash products meet the objective.

Response to base bid - Ipe product:

Easling Construction - \$108,646.00

Awrey Corporation - \$112,450.00

Walton Contracting - \$116,073.00

Fisher Contracting - \$122,746.73

Response to Alternative #1 - Thermally Modified Ash product:

Awrey Corporation - \$131,000.00

Fisher Contracting - \$124,736.77

Response to Alternative #2 - Treated SYP

Easling Construction - \$98,666.00

Awrey Construction - \$69,000.00

Walton Construction - \$87,943.00

Fisher Contracting - \$114,708.72

Alternative to Alternative #1 - Thermally Modified Ash and Ipe products

Easling Construction - \$111,660.00 reason – supplier not able to provide 4x4 Thermally Modified Ash post

Management Options

Option 1: Accept low base bid Easling Construction - using only Ipe product, a South American product and not sustainable.

Option 2: Accept low Alternative #1 bid of Fisher Contracting - using only Thermally Modified Ash, a North American product and sustainable

Option 3: Reject bids, rebid project permitting a combination of Ipe, Thermally Modified Ash or other desire wood products in the project; or other sole source wood products. Will need to establish parameters regarding the use of each product, i.e. post, decking.

Board of Commissioners additional Option

Option 4: Accept modified Alternative #1 bid of Easling Construction – using a mixture of the Ipe and Thermally Modified Ash. This option should be considered only on the bases of being in the best interest of the County.

Recommendation is the accept the bid as outlined in Option 1 due to utilizing a single product, the lowest competitive price to meet the objective.

Future possible discussion:

If it is the desire for preference to Leelanau County base firms, Competitive Bidding policy needs to be revisited. Not in the long-term best interest for the County