



April 13, 2023

Brian Blackford, General Manager
Gore Hill County Water District
4503 62nd Ave SW
Great Falls, MT 59404-5222

RE: Gore Hill County Water District Water Improvements Project (EQ 21-1474) -
Authorization to Award

Dear Mr. Blackford:

On March 27, 2023, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan program received the Gore Hill County Water District's request to award contracts for Schedules 1, 2, and 3 for the above referenced project. The request and supporting documentation have been reviewed. **Authorization is hereby given to award the contract for Schedule 1 to Wadsworth Builders for a total contract amount of \$1,227,870, for Schedule 2 to Maguire Iron for a total contract amount of \$219,200, and for Schedule 3 to MJD Contracting for a total contract amount of \$67,000.** All awards meet eligibility criteria for DWSRF funding. This authorization to award is provided contingent upon the adoption of a bond resolution that signifies the borrower is eligible and authorized to borrow loan funds from the DWSRF.

DEQ will review contract documents to ensure compliance with the approved project specifications and applicable laws and regulations. These documents are considered to be part of the approved specifications. Following is a list of documents that must be submitted to the DWSRF loan program for **each** contractor:

- ❑ 1. A signed copy of the **agreement** with the prime contractor.
- ❑ 2. A copy of the **Notice to Proceed** for the prime contractor to begin construction.
- ❑ 3. Copies of Contractor's **Certificates of Insurance and other documentation of insurance** (as required in Article 6 of the Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract and as amended by the Supplementary Conditions).
 - ❑ **a. Liability Insurance**
 - ❑ **b. Workers Compensation**
 - ❑ **c. Property Insurance**
- ❑ 4. A copy of the **Performance Bond**
- ❑ 5. A copy of the **Payment Bond**

Copies of subcontracts, purchase agreements or purchase orders signed with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms, at the beginning of or during the project, should be forwarded to the DWSRF within 15 days of contract execution. Also, please ensure that contractors and subcontractors properly post State Prevailing Wage Rates,

Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) information at the construction site.

Sincerely,



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