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**RE: BRIDGE 34/B-T9 (BRIDGE STREET BRIDGE)
BRIDGE STREET AT NITH RIVER
RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD OF TENDER**

Dear Mark,

Seven (7) bids were received for the above referenced project on June 7, 2022. This letter is to confirm our review of those bids and to make a recommendation for award of tender.

The low bid is submitted by Sierra Bridge Inc. of Woodstock for the amount of \$4,782,267.90. The total amount including 13% HST would be \$5,403,962.73 Total net after HST Rebates would be \$4,866,435.82

A list of all submitted bids is as follows, not including HST:

Contractor	Location	Bid Amount (not including HST)
Sierra Bridge Inc.	Woodstock, Ontario	\$4,782,267.90
Premier Concrete Inc.	Londesborough, Ontario	\$5,111,567.59
Looby Builders (Dublin) Inc.	Stratford, Ontario	\$5,227,131.62
McLean Taylor Construction Limited	St. Marys, Ontario	\$5,260,427.45
Toronto Zenith Contracting Limited	Concord, Ontario	\$6,934,705.97
HugoMB Contracting Inc.	Milton, Ontario	\$7,196,035.90
Facca Incorporated	Ruscom Station, Ontario	\$7,240,734.70

All tenders include an allowance of \$150,000 in contingency funds.

Sierra Bridge Inc. is an experienced and established bridge contractor. We have reviewed their reference projects and they are of similar scope and type as the Bridge Street Bridge replacement project. We have also contacted their references, all of whom confirmed Sierra Bridges abilities and professionalism. In addition, Sierra Bridge Inc. successfully completed a bridge rehabilitation project that we were the consulting engineer for in 2020. We are satisfied that Sierra Bridge Inc. will be able to complete the Bridge Street Bridge replacement project in a satisfactory manner and within the allotted time.

We note the tendered price is higher than the most recent engineers estimate of approximately \$3,525,000 completed last September. Since that time there has been rapid increases in a lot of the fundamental materials required for construction, such as asphalt cement (40% increase in cost since September); diesel fuel (up approximately 90 cents per litre, or a 65% increase, since September); dimensional lumber and plywood (up by over 50%); steel reinforcement (9% increase since

September); as well as concrete (up approximately 13% year over year). Also, construction costs are increasing due to an overall rise in labour costs, a general shortage of labour within the industry, as well as rising fuel prices which are contributing to additional price increases on virtually everything.

It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Sierra Bridge Inc. for the amount of \$5,403,962.73 (HST included) subject to final valuation of the completed work.

If you have any questions or additional information is required, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'al' followed by a stylized flourish.

Allan Garnham, P. Eng.
Project Manager