

Award Verification Letter

Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose Schools

Project: Montrose & Tatanka Mechanical Upgrades 2027

Bids for the Montrose & Tatanka Elementary Mechanical Upgrades 2027 project were taken on Tuesday, June 23rd, 2026 at 2:00 PM in the Board Room located at 214 1st Ave NE, Buffalo, MN 55313.

A total of eight bids were received for the seven advertised trade packages and are summarized in the attached bid tabulation sheets. One of the eight bids was found to be incomplete per the specified requirements and was therefore dismissed.

Knutson Construction verified the lowest responsible bidder for each advertised trade package listed in the attached bid tabulation sheets.

The number of bids received both in total and per trade package were lower than expected largely in part due to the time of year the bids were taken. In the summer months many of the trade partners that would typically propose on new project solicitations are actively completing current contracts which does not allow for sufficient resources to pursue new opportunities.

This solicitation for bids was issued as an early procurement package for select mechanical equipment and electrical components expected to have long lead times which, to the best of industry expectations, have since shortened and relaxed the urgency to procure early.

Following careful review, Knutson Construction, in partnership with the Design Team and District, recommends rejecting all bids received for this project and re-bidding the work later in fall 2026. This approach will allow design development to continue and incorporate the full project scope into one complete bid package. It will also give contractors who were unable to bid during the initial solicitation an opportunity to participate in the project, which is scheduled to begin during the 2027 summer break.

<u>Trade Package</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Contractor, City, State</u>		<u>Bid Amount</u>
04-A	Masonry	Reject All Bids	Base Bid:	\$ -
			Alternates:	\$ -
			Total Contract:	\$ -
05-A	Structural Steel Combined	Reject All Bids	Base Bid:	\$ -
			Alternates:	\$ -
			Total Contract:	\$ -
07-A	Horizontal Roofing	No Bids Taken	Base Bid:	\$ -
			Alternates:	\$ -
			Total Contract:	\$ -
09-I	Painting / VWC	Reject All Bids	Base Bid:	\$ -
			Alternates:	\$ -
			Total Contract:	\$ -
21-A	Fire Suppression	Reject All Bids	Base Bid:	\$ -
			Alternates:	\$ -
			Total Contract:	\$ -
23-A	Combined Mechanical	Reject All Bids	Base Bid:	\$ -
			Alternates:	\$ -
			Total Contract:	\$ -
26-A	Electrical	Reject All Bids	Base Bid:	\$ -
			Alternates:	\$ -
			Total Contract:	\$ -
Total Amount of base bids:				\$ -
Total amount of alternates to be accepted:				\$ -
Total amount of award recommendation:				\$ -

If there are any questions regarding the information listed or attached within, please contact me at 480-369-2079.

Respectfully,

Knutson Construction



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TOGETHER WE SEE A WAY

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