



October 15, 2026

Ms. Stacy Rausch, P.P, PMP
Panama City, City Engineer
501 Harrison Avenue
Panama City, FL 32401

**Re: PC26-038 West Beach Drive and Mulberry Avenue Road Improvements
Recommendation of Bid Award**

Dear Ms. Rausch:

This letter is in regard to the review of the bid tabulations and due diligence regarding apparent low bidder, Extreme Land Restoration for the subject project. Nine bids were submitted and one bid was found to be nonresponsive. Five bids were less than \$3,000,000.

Halff contacted references provided by the Contractor and received favorable recommendations from the City of Ponce de Leon and David Melvin Consulting Engineers. This company has also been awarded projects from other Northwest Florida municipalities and FDOT District Three. Halff has not worked with this contractor and as such we must rely on those who have.

Halff reviewed the bids and found that with the exception of the unit prices for the gravity sewer pipe being roughly one third of the other bids, the rest of the prices were in line with the other bidders. City staff reached out to the Contractor to verify that the gravity sewer prices included all labor, equipment and materials, and this was affirmed by the Contractor.

Based upon the low bid of \$2,344,112.00, the response's from the contractor regarding the questions asked by staff and the favorable recommendation from the references listed by the Contractor we hereby recommend the City to proceed with a contract to provide the services associated with the above referenced project.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Hutcheson", written in a cursive style.

David W. Hutcheson, PE, Sr. VP, Engineer of Record
FL PE No 38670