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February 19, 2026

Attn: Mayor Tony Paulk
 City of Douglas
 P.O. Box 470
 Douglas, Georgia 31535

RE: Letter of Bid Recommendation
 City of Douglas, Georgia
 SWE Project # 23-3455
 Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant
 Grant # 13-01079 (P24AP00606)
 Eastside Park Rehabilitation
 SWE Project # 23-3455

Dear Mayor Paulk and City Commissioners,

Bids were received and opened on the City of Douglas, Department of Natural Resources, Land and Water Conservation Fund Project (Grant # 13-01079 (P24AP00606)), Eastside Park Rehabilitation on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. The bids received were as follows: (Listed lowest to highest)

(1) Harper & Company Builders	Total Base Bid – \$952,227.00
.....	Additive Bid (Streetside Parking) – \$21,773.00
.....	Total Bid – \$974,000.00
(2) Charles E. Lewis Construction Co, Inc.....	Total Base Bid – \$1,014,842.48
.....	Additive Bid (Streetside Parking) – \$21,641.54
.....	Total Bid – \$1,036,484.02
(3) Demochic, LLC.....	Total Base Bid – \$1,380,007.29
.....	Additive Bid (Streetside Parking) – \$19,325.00
.....	Total Bid – \$1,399,332.29

Additional bidder was TriScapes, LLC. No bid was received from this bidder.

The Department of Natural Resources under its Land and Water Conservation Funds Program awarded \$500,000.00 in grant funds with a required match of \$500,000.00 for a total project budget of \$1,000,000.00.

Considering the engineering, permitting, and construction management fees of \$125,924.00, the construction budget was set at \$874,076.00.

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The Engineer's Estimate for all associated construction work was in the amount of \$1,100,000.00. This was due to some additional consideration by the city to upgrade the ball field design to league regulations, so that if recreational league play needed to use the field, it would be ready and meet the required regulations.

Therefore, based on the review of the bids, the approved budget, meeting all related grant criteria, and successfully having all required qualifications, it is the recommendation of Statewide Engineering, Inc. that the City of Douglas, Georgia award the TOTAL BASE BID + ADDITIVE BID to the lowest responsible bidder, **Harper & Company Builders, Inc.**, in the amount of **\$974,000.00**.

With this award the city will need to allocate an additional \$99,924.00 in local funds to meet the project shortfall.

Awarding of the project is contingent on "Contractor Clearance" from The Department of Natural Resources.

This award can be authorized by an official vote of the City of Douglas, Georgia. Please schedule this authorization at your next scheduled meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Statewide Engineering, Inc.