

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: December 11, 2024

TO: Paulette Territo

Administrative Program Director

**Consultant Contract** 

**FROM:** Terrence J. Donahue, Jr.

Secretary

RE: Selection Justification

Contract 4400029889

Entity Contract for Audubon Ave Ovly: LA 1 to Terrebonne (CE&I)

Lafourche Parish

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 48:293, this memorandum serves as documentation of the reasons for my selection of Royal Engineers and Consultants, L.L.C. (Number 2).

Horizon Engineering, L.L.C. scored the highest on three (3) contracts that the Department of Transportation and Development ("DOTD") advertised recently. Horizon Engineering, L.L.C. was awarded a contract on October 2, 2024, and will likely be awarded at least one of the other contracts advertised. The DOTD awarded Royal Engineers and Consultants, L.L.C. a contract on February 12, 2024, the value of which was half that of the contract awarded to Horizon Engineering, L.L.C. in October. To ensure the availability of contractors and distribute the workload in a fair and equitable manner, I have selected Royal Engineers and Consultants, L.L.C.

Additionally, while the law does not mandate that I accept the City of Thibodaux's ("the City") choice, La. R.S. 48:293(A)(2) authorizes me to consider an entity's recommendation if the entity is fully or partially funding the associated project. The City is obligated to provide partial funding for the project associated with this contract and the City recommended Royal Engineers and Consultants, L.L.C. based upon the City's favorable experience working with this contractor's subcontractor on various projects in the past. The City's logic, both rational and persuasive, was a factor I considered in making this selection.

For these reasons, I have selected Number 2, Royal Engineers and Consultants, L.L.C.

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