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To: Martin Buehler **File:** 2010 Group II Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Replacement

From: Richard McMorris **Sect:** 10-00000-08-GM

Subj: Rejected Bids **Date:** July 21, 2010

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Marty,

We received bids from Marking Specialists, Mark-It Corporation and Superior Road Striping for the 2010 Group II Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Replacement project. The bids were opened on July 20, 2010.

The first bid was from Marking Specialists. They included a cover letter discussing the availability of pavement marking products. The letter also stated "Our bid proposal, therefore, must include a stipulation that the completion date be waived." Since the bid contained a stipulation it was not read at the opening. Their bid amount would have been \$359,682.65.

The second bid was from Mark-It Corporation. Their "as read" bid amount was \$298,000.70. During our review we determined that there were computational errors in two of their pay items. Using the unit prices, their corrected total bid is \$297,092.89.

The third bid was from Superior Road Striping. Their "as read" bid was \$264,822.45. During our review we determined that Superior had not included a unit price or total price for the Traffic Control and Protection pay item. Their total bid was the sum of the nine completed pay items only. Since the bid was incomplete it was removed from the bid tabulation.

The Department's authority to reject any and all bids is detailed in 44 ILLINOIS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, section 660.220 Consideration of Bids. Subparagraph d) lists several reasons why individual bids can be rejected. The list includes:

- 6) If there are omissions, erasures, alterations, unauthorized additions, conditional or alternative bids, or irregularities of any that may tend, in the judgment of the Department, to make the bid incomplete, indefinite, or ambiguous as to its meaning.

I recommend that the bids from Marking Specialists and Superior Road Striping be rejected for the reasons above.

Of the three bids received, only the bid from Mark-It Corporation is considered responsive. As their corrected bid is less than the Engineer's estimate of \$348,935.90, I recommend that the County award the contract to Mark-It Corporation, at the bid price of \$297,092.89.

Approved by:

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Engineer of Design

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