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TO: Peter Kolb, Director
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FROM: Chuck DeGrave, Principal Civil Engineer

**RE: DesPlaines River WRF Blower Installation Project, Bid # 11164
Recommendation to Award**

We received 6 bids for the above referenced project (see attached) . The 3 lowest bids were all within 5% of each other.

I received the following references on the low bidder, Independent Mechanical Industries (IMI) .

Steve Waters Veolia Water Systems

“IMI completed a \$20 million boiler project for us. The project included mechanical and millwright type work. Yeah we were happy with their work and would use them on future projects. We are currently using them for maintenance work because they did a good job on the boiler project.”

Rick Janik, Argonne National Laboratory

“ IMI completed two projects for us including an HVAC project approx 10 years ago and a \$1.5 million chiller installation back in 2008. There was design problems related to the chiller project. However IMI was very helpful in resolving the problems. The project manager assigned to the project was excellent. Would we use them on future projects? ...Absolutely”

Mike Winegard, AECOM

We have worked with them on several projects. I personally worked with them on a pump station in Glenview, Illinois. We also have worked with them on projects for MWRDGC. I personally believe they are a good firm. Tony Bouchard, the President of AECOM in the Midwest and I both know their President John Reynolds.

Based on the above references I recommend award of the project to Independent Mechanical Industries in the amount of \$454,400.00