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## Memo

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**Subj:** Justification of Bid – 5/19/15 Letting

**File:** Landscape Maintenance 2015  
**Sect:** 15-00000-14-GM  
**Date:** 5/29/2015

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Paula,

The sole bid received for the 2015 Landscape Maintenance project exceeded the Engineer's Estimate of \$41,900. The bid was over the estimate by \$15,726.75.

Unit prices for this project were developed based on previous IDOT landscape maintenance projects. The consultant, Hey and Associates, Inc., provided the attached explanation for the unit price differences.

As there was only one bidder for this project, indicating low availability for the project, it is not anticipated that re-letting this project would result in a lower bid prices. Additionally as mentioned by the consultant there is a short timetable to initiate the mowing and weed treatments. Based on the above analysis I recommend that the County award the contract to the low bidder, McGinty Bros., Inc., at the bid price of \$57,826.75.

Approved by:

Michael G. Zemaitis P.E.  
Engineer of Design

Richard D. McMorris P.E.  
Project Engineer