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2011 RESOLUTION - AWARD OF CONTRACT - WATERMAIN LINING PROJECT

WHEREAS, after the required legal advertising was published, sealed bids were received in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Bloomfield, New Jersey on July 7, 2011 by the Purchasing Committee of the Township of Bloomfield in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., "Local Public Contracts Law" for the Township Watermain Lining Project; and

WHEREAS, the bids received were referred to the Township Engineer for review; and

WHEREAS, a total of three bids were received with the low bid being received from Metra Industries, 50 Muller Place, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424 for a total contract price of \$2,117,422.00; and

WHEREAS, after the bid opening a letter of objection was received from the second low bidder, J. Fletcher Creamer & Son and Spiniello Companies, a Joint Venture, claiming that the contract should not be awarded to Metra Industries based upon the fact that they lacked experience and utilized "unbalanced bidding"; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation was received by the project consultant, Dewberry indicating that the bid should go to the second low bidder, J. Fletcher Creamer & Son and Spiniello Companies, a Joint Venture based upon the same reasons; and

WHEREAS, the low bidder, Metra Industries provided further documentation, including an additional list of projects and references indicating past work consistent with the scope of work specified as well as justification for the unit prices provided for the various items; and

WHEREAS, all documentation was forwarded to the Township Engineer and Township Attorney for consideration; and

AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE
ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH
D. Main
TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, it was determined that there were no significant reasons to reject the low bidder, Metra Industries based upon lack of experience and “unbalanced bidding” based upon the fact that they provided a comprehensive list of past experience; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Public Contracts Laws as well as the Township Bid Specifications do not specify “Unbalanced Bidding” as a reason to reject a bid; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore the recommendation of the Township Engineer that the contract be awarded to Metra Industries, 50 Muller Place, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424 for a total contract price of \$2,117,422.00; and

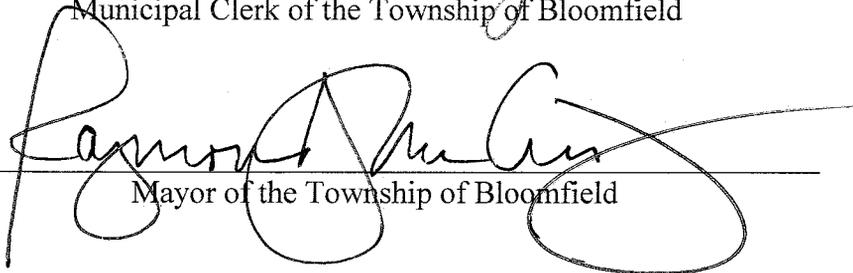
WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has indicated that funding is available in Township Water Utility Capital Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Engineer and he may enter into a contract for the Watermain Lining Project with Metra Industries, 50 Muller Place, Little Falls, New Jersey 07424 for a total contract price of \$2,117,422.00.

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I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on August 22, 2011.


Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield


Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

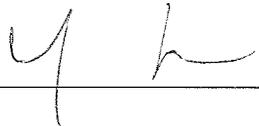
ROLL CALL VOTE

MAYOR & COUNCIL	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
COUNCILWOMAN LITTERIO	✓			
COUNCILMAN JOANOW	✓			
COUNCILMAN RUANE	✓			
COUNCILMAN VENEZIA	✓			
COUNCILWOMAN DUNIGAN	✓			
COUNCILMAN HAMILTON	✓			
MAYOR McCARTHY	✓			

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Resolution

I hereby ~~approve~~ / disapprove of the passage of the attached ~~Ordinance~~.



Yoshi Manale
Township Administrator

If the Township Administrator disapproves of the attached Ordinance the reasons are as follows:

Resolution

I hereby approve / disapprove of the passage of the attached ~~Ordinance~~.



Paul Lasek
Township Engineer

If the Department Head disapproves of the attached Ordinance the reasons are as follows:

Resolution

I hereby approve / disapprove of the passage of the attached ~~Ordinance~~.

Robert Renna
Director of Finance

If the Finance Director disapproves of the attached Ordinance on the reasons are as follows: