

August 31, 2022

Paul Vlasich, PE
Town Engineer
Public Works Department
13 Newfields Rd
Exeter, NH 03833

SUBJECT: Squamscott River Sewer Siphon Project

Dear Paul,

We have completed our review of the construction bids that were received on August 8, 2022, for the Squamscott River Sewer Siphon project. This letter represents a summary of our findings.

Three bids were received. A tabulation of the bids received is enclosed. N. Granese & Sons, Inc. of Salem, Massachusetts submitted the low bid of \$1,627,750.00. This bid is approximately 10% less than the engineer's estimate and the remaining base bids were approximately 3% and 18% higher than the low bid. These bids are evidence of competitive pricing and reasonable bids. In reviewing the three bid packages, no deficiencies were noted.

Wright-Pierce has worked with N. Granese & Sons, Inc. on past projects with satisfactory results. The bidder's list of past and present projects includes several other projects that are similar in nature to the Squamscott River Sewer Siphon. These include sewer installation for the Ipswich, MA Sewer Siphon, water/sewer installation in Newmarket, NH, and sewer repair in Chelmsford, MA, among other projects. N. Granese has also served the Town of Exeter on a number of projects in the past.

Wright-Pierce contacted N. Granese and Sons, Inc.'s financial institution, Rockland Trust Bank. It was reported that N. Granese and Sons, Inc maintains accounts, sizable lines of credit, and has been a customer in good standing. To date, there are no outstanding balances on the lines of credit. The deposit accounts and lines of credit are maintained satisfactorily and appropriate to their standards.

Wright-Pierce is not aware of any reason why this contract should not be awarded to N. Granese & Sons, Inc. as the lowest responsible and responsive bidder.

If the Town decides to proceed with the project based on the lowest responsive bid, the Town should issue a letter to N. Granese & Sons, Inc. stating the Town's intention to award the contract. Suggested language for this letter is attached. NHDES is also requiring four certifications to be completed as part of the Authorization to Award package, which are attached.

1. Certification as to Permits and Easements
2. ARPA QBS Certification Form (Must be signed by Russell Dean)
3. Certification of Construction Engineering Contract
4. ARPA Terms and Conditions (Must be initialed and signed by Russell Dean)

Once the Intent to Award letter is finalized and the certifications signed, we would be happy to assist you with submitting the necessary documentation to NHDES for the Authorization to Award the project.

Sincerely,
WRIGHT-PIERCE



Kevin Garvey, PE
Project Manager
kevin.garvey@wright-pierce.com

Town of Exeter, NH
Squamscott River Sewer Siphon Upgrades
Bid Tabulation



WP Project #20387
Bid Opening 08/08/2022 @ 7 PM

BID QUANTITIES				BIDDER'S NAME					
				N. Granese & Sons INSERT ADDRESS		NorthEast Earth Mechanics, LLC		J.A. Polito & Sons, Inc.	
Item	Qty.	UNIT	UNIT AMT	BID	UNIT AMT	BID	UNIT AMT	BID	
BASE BID									
1	Mobilization & Demobilization	1	LS	\$110,000.00	\$110,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
2	12-inch PVC Sewer Pipe	100	LF	\$210.00	\$21,000.00	\$200.00	\$20,000.00	\$250.00	\$25,000.00
3	15-inch PVC Sewer Pipe	275	LF	\$250.00	\$68,750.00	\$210.00	\$57,750.00	\$300.00	\$82,500.00
4	10-inch Sewer Siphon Barrel (North and Center)	2	EA	\$300,000.00	\$600,000.00	\$380,000.00	\$760,000.00	\$420,000.00	\$840,000.00
5	12-inch Sewer Siphon Barrel (South)	1	LS	\$330,000.00	\$330,000.00	\$384,000.00	\$384,000.00	\$385,000.00	\$385,000.00
6	4-foot Diameter Sewer	3	EA	\$18,000.00	\$54,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00
7	4-foot Diameter Cut In Sewer Manhole	1	EA	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
8	Siphon Inlet	1	EA	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
9	Siphon Outlet	1	EA	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
10	12-inch Storm Drainpipe	75	LF	\$180.00	\$13,500.00	\$250.00	\$18,750.00	\$200.00	\$15,000.00
11	4-foot Diameter Drain Manhole	1	EA	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
12	Abandon Existing Sewer Main, Siphon, and Manholes	1	LS	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00
13	Test Pit Excavation and Backfill	13	EA	\$250.00	\$3,250.00	\$750.00	\$9,750.00	\$1,500.00	\$19,500.00
14	Gravel Access Path (East of River)	2,525	SY	\$40.00	\$101,000.00	\$1.00	\$2,525.00	\$30.00	\$75,750.00
15	Pump Station Access Path (West of River)	700	SY	\$40.00	\$28,000.00	\$1.00	\$700.00	\$30.00	\$21,000.00
16	Final Pavement	20	TON	\$350.00	\$7,000.00	\$500.00	\$10,000.00	\$300.00	\$6,000.00
17	Fence Adjustments & Gate Installation	1	ALLOW	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
18	Sloped Granite Curb	20	LF	\$100.00	\$2,000.00	\$75.00	\$1,500.00	\$50.00	\$1,000.00
19	Project Landscaper Allowance	1	ALLOW	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00
20	Demolition of Existing Abandoned Clarifiers	55	CY	\$150.00	\$8,250.00	\$200.00	\$11,000.00	\$500.00	\$27,500.00
TOTAL BASE BID AMOUNT ITEMS (1 THROUGH 20)					\$1,627,750.00		\$1,681,975.00		\$1,989,250.00



TOWN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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September 2, 2022

Steven A Granese, President
N. Granese & Sons, Inc.
59 Jefferson Ave
Salem, MA 01970

Subject: Squamscott River Sewer Siphon
Notice of Intent to Award

Mr. Granese,

It is the intention of the Town of Exeter, NH Public Works Department to award a contract for the above referenced project to N. Granese & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$1,627,750.00 for the base bid as received on August 8, 2022. Award of this contract is contingent upon review and approval by NHDES CWSRF, as well as approval by the Town Select Board.

Please feel free to contact myself or Kevin Garvey of Wright-Pierce, if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Very truly yours,

Russell Dean
Town Manager

Cc: Paul Vlasich, PE – Town Engineer
Robert Daniel, PE – NHDES
Kathie Bourret – NHDES
Shannon Larocque, PE – NHDES
Kevin Garvey, PE – Wright-Pierce
Michael Theriault, PE – Wright-Pierce

CERTIFICATION

**PROJECT: SQUAMSCOTT RIVER SEWER SIPHON PROJECT
TOWN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the best of the Town's knowledge, the following certification is being made.

The Town is in the process of obtaining the easement for the Exeter Mills, LLC property. The easement will be procured prior to any construction activities occurring on that property.

The City has procured a NHDES Wetlands and Non-Site-Specific Permit, an Army Corps of Engineers Section 10 Permit, and an Army Corps of Engineers Section 408 Permit.

The Town is in process of obtaining a NHDES Shoreland Permit. The Shoreland Permit will be procured prior to any construction activities occurring.

It is our understanding that no other land acquisitions, easements, or permits are required for this project.

Signature

Name (Please Type)

Title

Date



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

QBS Certification
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

This form is intended to be used by funding recipients receiving grant funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to document the consultant selection process per [Uniform Guidance 2 CFR 200.317 through 2 CFR 200.327](#) and provide justification to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).

Community / Entity Name: Town of Exeter, New Hampshire	NPDES Permit Number (If Applicable): NH0100871
Project Name: Squamscott River Sewer Siphon	ARPA Project Number:
Project Location: 1 Jady Hill Ave, NH	
Selected Consultant Name: Wright-Pierce	

Please certify the consultant for the above referenced project was selected using Qualifications Based Selection. Attach supporting documentation if applicable.

Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) – If your organization issued a request for qualifications (RFQ) and selected a consultant based on this process as explained in NH Code of Administrative Rules Env-Wq 509 and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA) Section 602 (b)(14). *This is required for Clean Water projects.*

The authorized signature shall match the authorized signature on the Grant Agreement.

Authorized Signature:

Date:

Printed Name: Russell Dean

Title and Affiliation: Town Manager

*NHDES USE ONLY –			
Received by			
_____	_____	_____	_____
Name	Bureau	Signature	Date

CERTIFICATION

**PROJECT: SQUAMSCOTT RIVER SEWER SIPHON PROJECT
TOWN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

The Town hereby certifies that they have retained Wright-Pierce, a NHDES pre-qualified engineering firm, to provide construction phase engineering services throughout the duration of the Squamscott River Sewer Siphon Project.

The procurement of Wright-Pierce was conducted in accordance with NH Administrative Rules Env-Wq 600, Selection of Consulting Engineers and the Town and Wright-Pierce will enter into a NHDES approved engineering contract prior to the construction contract award.

Signature

Name (Please Type)

Title

Date

SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

Contractors shall fully comply with Subpart C of 2 C.F.R. Part 180 entitled, "Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business With Other Persons," as implemented and supplemented by 2 C.F.R. Part 1532. subrecipient is responsible for ensuring that any lower tier covered transaction, as described in Subpart B of 2 C.F.R. Part 180, entitled "Covered Transactions," and 2 C.F.R. § 1532.220, includes a term or condition requiring compliance with 2 C.F.R. Part 180, Subpart C. Contractors are responsible for further requiring the inclusion of a similar term and condition in any subsequent lower tier covered transactions. Contractors acknowledge that failing to disclose the information required under 2 C.F.R. § 180.335 to NHDES may result in the delay or negation of this assistance agreement, or pursuance of administrative remedies, including suspension and debarment. Contractors may access the System for Award Management (SAM) exclusion list at "[System for Award Management \(SAM\)](#)" database to determine whether an entity or individual is presently excluded or disqualified.

By entering into this agreement, the contractors certify that the contractor is not debarred or suspended. Furthermore, the contractors certify that no part of this contract will be subcontracted to a debarred or suspended person or firm.

PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT

This term and condition implements 2 CFR 200.216 and is effective for obligations and expenditures of EPA financial assistance funding on or after 8/13/2020. As required by 2 CFR 200.216, subrecipients, are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to procure or obtain; extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain; or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. As described in Public Law 115-232, section 889, covered telecommunications equipment is telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities). Recipients, Subrecipients, and borrowers also may not use federal funds to purchase:

- a. For the purpose of public safety, security of government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities).
- b. Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment.
- c. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

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Consistent with 2 CFR 200.471, costs incurred for telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment such as phones, internet, video surveillance, and cloud servers are allowable except for the following circumstances:

a. Obligating or expending funds for covered telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment or services as described in 2 CFR 200.216 to:

- (1) Procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain;
- (2) Enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure; or
- (3) Obtain the equipment, services, or systems. Certain prohibited equipment, systems, or services, including equipment, systems, or services produced or provided by entities identified in section 889, are recorded in the System for Award Management exclusion list which can be found at <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/pages/public/index.jsf>

CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

The sub-grantee, contractor, subcontractor, successor, transferee, and assignee shall comply, and shall include in every contract or agreement funded with these funds this same requirement to comply, with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits recipients of federal financial assistance from excluding from a program or activity, denying benefits of, or otherwise discriminating against a person on the basis of race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract (or agreement). Title VI also includes protection to persons with "Limited English Proficiency" in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., as implemented by the Department of the Treasury's Title VI regulations, 31 CFR Part 22, and herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract or agreement.

DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS (2 C.F.R. § 200.322)

As appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, to the greatest extent practicable, there is a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products).

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The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this award.

For purposes of this section:

- (1) "Produced in the United States" means, for iron and steel products, that all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States.
- (2) "Manufactured products" means items and construction materials composed in whole or in part of non-ferrous metals such as aluminum; plastics and polymer-based products such as polyvinyl chloride pipe; aggregates such as concrete; glass, including optical fiber; and lumber.

RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING

The Contractor shall comply with the terms of 15 CFR part 28 and 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E which prohibit the use of federal Contract funds to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal employee, and requires the submission of Standard Form LLL ("Disclosure of Lobbying Activities") if *nonfederal* funds have been used to influence (or attempt to influence) a federal employee.

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

The Contractor shall comply with the terms of 2 CFR part 1329 which require that as a condition of the Agreement, certification that they maintain a drug-free workplace. By signing and submitting the Agreement, the Contractor certifies that they will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity associated with the Agreement.

PROTECTION FOR WHISTLEBLOWERS

The Contractor shall comply with the terms of 41 U.S.C. §471 regarding Whistleblower protections. As described in 41 USC §471 "an employee of a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, or subgrantee or personal services contractor may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing to a person or body described in paragraph (2) information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant."

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Date 8/31/22,

For the Town of Exeter, New Hampshire
(Municipality)

Russell Dean,
(Authorized Representative)

Town Manager
(Title)

(Date)

For the Wright-Pierce
(Consultant)

Kevin Garvey, *Kevin Garvey*
(Authorized Representative)

Project Manager
(Title)

8/31/22
(Date)

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Date _____