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MEMORANDUM

To: Christine Huff Purchasing Agent
From: Kurt Tribbett, Engineering Administrator
Cc: Joe Sobieralski, BCU
Cc: Chris Dopp, Public Works Director
Cc: Carl Fedders, City Engineer
Date: January 31, 2017

Subject: SW Quadrant Hill Brady and Skyline Clearing Project

Battle Creek Unlimited (BCU) is currently limited on the available building sites of ten acres or more in size. The current interest from prospective businesses is around 20 acres or more in size. There are currently 85 acres of wooded property southwest of Hill Brady and Skyline that could provide three sites of 20 plus acres to meet this desired range. These sites will be contiguous, allowing flexibility to parcel size to fit the needs for prospective businesses.

The 85-acre area is currently wooded and hilly in terrain, with some wetland on the south and west edges of the property. This project is the first of three planned to convert this property into site-ready conditions for future industrial facilities. This project consist of removing trees for lumbering, disposing of stumps and tree tops to mulch, raking site clean of wood debris in preparation for the second project of site excavation, and leveling and creating a common storm basin. Wetlands are excluded from grading work. The third project will include adding the infrastructure of sewer, water, and roadway.

On January 30, of this year, the Purchasing Division accepted bids from six (6) companies for the referenced project. Our office has prepared the attached bid tabulation indicating that Midwest Tree Service is the low bidder. References supplied by Midwest Tree Service have been called with very favorable comments. Midwest has also been contacted to make sure they are aware this is a prevailing wage contract and of the tight time schedule, of which they acknowledged and assured to make contract requirements. Therefore, the Public Works Department recommends that a resolution be prepared awarding the SW quadrant Hill Brady and Skyline Clearing Project to Midwest Tree Service for \$241,437.50. The cost for this project is to be charged to Business Unit:

440.61.8890.801.310 with Project #BCTIFA-1100 SW Quad Hill Brady/Skyline

We are asking that your office prepare a resolution for action by the City Commission for the February 7, 2017 City Commission Meeting. Please, contact me with any questions or comments.

Thank you for your assistance.