

July 30, 2026

Charlie Richter, P.E. – City Engineer
City of Brookings
520 3rd St. Ste. 230
Brookings, SD 57006

Re: Snow Removal Equipment Building
Brookings Regional Airport
Brookings, South Dakota
AIP #3-46-0005-041/042-2026
Helms #A-10258

Dear Mr. Richter,

We would like to take this opportunity to make our “Engineer’s Recommendation of Award” for the above referenced project.

The description of work is:

This Project shall include the construction of a Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building (37'-8" x 63'-8"). This work includes building construction (footings, foundations, Pre-Engineered Steel Building, utilities), site grading, culvert, water utilities, concrete approach pavement, site restoration, and other items of related construction.

We have reviewed the bid proposal documents received and are recommending that Bid Schedule A, Alternate Bid A1, and Bid Schedule B be tentatively awarded to the lowest bidder Lloyd Construction, Sioux Falls, SD, in the amount of \$656,036.02 as their bid was complete and reasonable. We recommend rejecting Alternate Bid B1. Keep in mind, Alternate Bid A1 is not eligible for FAA or SD-DOT funding and the City of Brookings will be responsible for 100% of those costs. We have also verified that Lloyd Construction has not been excluded at www.sam.gov.

The DBE goal was 0.0% for this project. The intended participation listed in Lloyd Construction’s bid is 0.0%.

The motion for award should read “Tentative award for AIP Project #3-46-0005-041/042-2026 Snow Removal Equipment Building, Bid Schedule A, Alternate Bid A1, and Bid Schedule B is made to Lloyd Construction, Sioux Falls, SD, in the amount of \$656,036.02 contingent upon receipt of the FAA Grant Offers.”

Also, to help meet what we expect to be short time lines in the grant process, the City Council should authorize the City Manager to sign the FAA Grant Applications, FAA Grant Offers (which will need to be electronically signed), and all necessary paperwork for the Construction Contract Documents.

If you have any questions, comments, or need any further information, please feel free to contact our office at your convenience.

Sincerely,
Helms and Associates

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael A. Schmit". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael A. Schmit, P.E.

W/Enclosures

Cc: Lucas Dahl, City of Brookings – Airport Manager
David Ferrell, FAA – Dakota-Minnesota Airports District Office
Jon Becker, SD-DOT – Office of Air, Rail, and Transit