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COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

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Dear Sir:

On September 5, 2019, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Director of Procurement and Materials Management to advertise for bids, Contract 19-366-11, Public Tender of Bids to Lease for thirty-Nine (39) Years 19.67 Acres of District Real Estate Located Between I-294 and La Grange Road in Willow Springs, Illinois; Main Channel Parcel 31.01.

In response to a public advertisement of September 25, 2019, a bid opening was held on October 15, 2019. The bid tabulation for this contract is:

LAGRANGE WS LLC

\$515,000.00

After review of the financial and background information submitted by LaGrange WS LLC, the sole bidder, staff has concluded that the bidder does not demonstrate the financial responsibility to meet the annual rent requirement, as required in the bid documents. The entity (LaGrange WS LLC) has no financial history, assets, or bank statements that can be reviewed or verified; so this firm did not demonstrate the financial responsibility to be awarded the lease consistent with the District's leasing statute (70ILCS 2605/8c). The Law Department recommends that the sole bidder, LaGrange WS LLC be rejected. The Director of Procurement and Materials Management concurs and has informed LaGrange WS LLC of this action.

The contract will be re-advertised in the near future.

Recommended, Darlene A. LoCascio, Director of Procurement and Materials Management, DAL:SEB:cm