



August 17, 2026

Mr. Bill Slaughter, Chairman
Lowndes County Board of Commissioners
327 N. Ashley Street
Valdosta, GA 31601

SUBJECT: Lowndes County, GA
LAS Holding Pond Sludge Removal
C&S Project No.: L8400.078

Dear Mr. Slaughter:

As you are aware, Bids were received and opened for the above-referenced project on Tuesday, July 28, 2026 at 1:00 PM. Tindall Water, LLC d.b.a. Southeastern Environmental Services submitted the apparent low base bid in the amount of \$914,240.00. B.A.M.2, Inc. submitted the second-low base bid in the amount of \$2,978,848.00. We have checked and tabulated the base bids received as follows:

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total Base Bid</u>	<u>% Over Low Bid</u>
1. Tindall Water, LLC.	\$914,240.00	---
2. B.A.M.2, INC.	\$2,978,848.00	225.83%
3. Merrell Bros INC.	\$3,497,435.00	282.55%
4. GFL Environmental Services USA Inc.	\$6,550,044.00	616.45%
5. Lewis Contracting Services, LLC.	\$6,681,594.00	630.84%

Based on our review of the bid and qualification materials submitted, Carter & Sloope recommends that the County determine the apparent low bidder to be non-responsible/not qualified for this project and award the project to B.A.M.2, Inc. in the amount of \$2,978,848.00, subject to County attorney and procurement review.

The following observations were made after evaluating Tindall Water, LLC:

- **Bid disparity:** Tindall's apparent low bid is materially below the other bids. With such a disparity, C&S and Lowndes County staff performed a more thorough review and determination of their qualifications as a measure of their responsible-ness as a Bidder.
- **Minimum qualification requirement:** Addendum No. 4 required at least three references for treatment plant work or work similar in scope and scale to this project, along with the remaining experience information required by Section 00470, to set the expectation of qualifications through experience that will be considered.