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TO: L. F. Manufacturing
Fred Burack Co. Inc
MECO Environmental Services

CC: MLR CAC
Interested Parties

FR: Tim Carroll, Executive Secretary 

DT: October 20, 2010

RE: MLR Fire Protection Underground Storage Tank

 **E-MAILED**
Sent to FBC Inc

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LF + MECO
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10/20/10
5:20 pm

Three Bids were received, and read aloud. Present were: Tim Carroll & Chuck Hodgkinson, Witness.

i.	L. F. Manufacturing	\$36,447.00
ii.	Fred Burack Co. Inc.	\$24,316.94
iii.	MECO Environmental Services	\$31,495.00

Fred Burack Co. Inc. was the apparent low bidder. However, upon inspection of the bids the low bidder had stated on the face of his bid “ *** Please Note: Fiberglass Tanks have a (1) year warranty* ”. The town’s specifications called for the tank to be “Warranted against tank failure for a(t) least 5 years”.

Accordingly I am rejecting the low bid by Fred Burack Co. Inc, as unresponsive.

The next lowest bidder was MECO Environmental Services. MECO did not state the warranty on the face of their bid, however they did include in their bid packet a letter from Containment Solutions dated October 11, 2010 and addressed to the John W. Kennedy Company that referenced the “Martha’s Vineyard Non-Potable Water Tank Warranty”. This document says that “Containment Solutions, Inc. will extend its non-potable water tank warranty to Five (5) years of coverage...”

After consulting with the Inspector General’s Office of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I find that this is a minor defect and recommend that the Board of Selectmen award the contract for the MLR Fire Protection Underground Storage Tank to MECO Environmental Services, Inc. as the lowest responsive bidder.