

Board Briefing Overview

August 21, 2026 STB Meeting

SR89: Prescott - Ashfork Hwy / F076801C

Bid Opening Results:

Rank	Bid Amount	Contractor Name
1	\$795,500.00	Combs Construction Company, LLC
2	\$868,082.00	Earth Resources Corporation
3	\$888,888.00	Hawk Contracting LLC
	\$890,516.00	DEPARTMENT
4	\$1,017,181.40	Asphalt Paving & Supply, Inc.
5	\$1,045,854.00	Standard Construction Company, Inc.
6	\$1,379,571.05	Sunland Asphalt & Construction LLC
Bid Opening Date: 06/19/2026		

Description:

HAWK Contracting LLC (HAWK) filed a protest, arguing that Combs Construction Company, LLC (Combs) and Earth Resources Corporation (ERC) were ineligible to bid or be awarded the contract because Combs and ERC were not prequalified at the time of the bid. Combs provided a response to the protest, while ERC did not.

Reason for Recommendation:

Contractor prequalification is a "license" under Arizona law (ARS 41-1001(13)). By extension, contractor prequalification renewal application timing is governed by ARS 41-1064(B). This statute concludes that, while a licensee submits a timely renewal application, the existing license remains valid until the agency issues a final determination.

Both Combs and ERC held 2025 prequalification and submitted timely renewal applications by the March 31, 2026, deadline (as per AAC R17-3-202(B)). As a result, both contractors maintained their prequalification status through the bid opening date of June 19, 2026. This conclusion is consistent with the Department's established business practices.

Conclusion:

Recommend award to Combs Construction Company, LLC.