

November 30, 2017

Mr. Mark Bradford, Fire Chief  
1911 Stewart Avenue  
Lawrence, KS 66046

RE: Lawrence Douglas County Fire – Medical Station No. 1 Remodel Project

Chief Bradford,

Six bids for the above referenced project were received on November 21, 2017, with base bids ranging from \$5,135,616 to \$6,975,340. Since the bid opening, the design team has been working in conjunction with the City of Lawrence in reviewing all provided bid information. The review process included evaluation of Contractor provided proposed schedule of values, Contractor references, Contractor performance on previous projects for the City, and Contractor qualifications provided for work performed on historic structures. This review process was performed on each of the three lowest bidders for the project.

Following this thorough review process, the design team now recommends that the Owner proceed into a construction contract with B.A. Green Construction, the second low bidder. ZA recommends that the City award a construction contract in the amount of \$5,335,240.00 which includes base bid and Alternates 1 & 2.

Of the three low bidders, B.A. Green shows the longest history of work in and around the City of Lawrence, has vast experience on many previous City of Lawrence projects, and most notably was the lowest bidding Contractor that presented qualifications that met the bid document criteria for work on historic structures.

The following were bid document requested qualifications for Contractor work on historic structures:

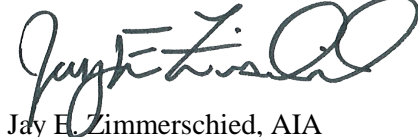
- Work performed on historic structures within the last five years that meet the following two criteria.
- Project history for work on historic structures that are specifically listed on the national register of historic places.
- Project history for historic structures that perused tax credits as a project funding mechanism and that received said tax credits as a result of work performed in compliance with the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Structures.

The existing building at 746 Kentucky/745 Vermont is listed on the national and state register of historic places and the City of Lawrence intends to pursue the use of historic tax credits to assist with project funding. As such, work performed on this project must comply with the standards listed above or this funding stream may be compromised. It is this level of experience on historic structures that the design team believes makes the second low bidder on the project, the most qualified to perform the project work.

Thank you for your continued assistance in the bid review and we look forward to seeing the project through to completion.

Sincerely,

ZIMMERSCHIED ARCHITECTURE, P.L.L.C.



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