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Mr. Robert Hart
Supervisor, Buildings and Grounds
Lake Forest School District
5423 Killens Pond Road
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SUBJECT: *East Elementary School – Window Replacement
Construction Bid Recommendation*

Dear Bob:

After careful review of the bids that were accepted on 14 May 2014 for the above mentioned project, R G Architects (RGA) recommends award of the contract to Byler Home Builders. (BHB) of Hartly, Delaware.

The total of the contract sum will be in the amount of One Hundred One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$101,350.00).

RGA has reviewed the bid submissions in detail with representatives from LFSD, and has determined that BHB's bid form and documentation are in order. The extremely low bid amount was an initial concern. Our office contacted David Byler of BRB, as well as the other bidders, to discuss project scope and potential omissions or errors in their bid calculations. After these discussions, we have concluded that the main reason for the price difference is that BHB's ownership will be self-performing much of the labor, which eliminates much of the impact of the state's prevailing wage requirements. BRB has confirmed that all scope items are included, and we are confident that their price is valid and comprehensive. Therefore, with our concerns and questions being addressed, we believe the value of the bid, although very low, is in line with the specified design documents. It is, therefore, with great pleasure that we recommend approval of the contract award.

Attached is a copy of the bid tabulation sheet for your use. I have also attached BRB's bid form and related documents. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Original on File

Robert A. Grove, AIA
Principal

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