



Massachusetts School Building Authority

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Catherine Stickney, Superintendent of Schools
Northbridge Public Schools
Administration Building
87 Linwood Avenue
Whitinsville, MA 01588

RE: Designer Selection

W Edward Balmer Elementary School

MSBA ID: 201502140001

Dear Superintendent Stickney:

On Tuesday, June 20, 2017, the Massachusetts School Building Authority Designer Selection Panel ("DSP") interviewed the finalists for the above-referenced project. The following individuals represented the Town of Northbridge on the DSP:

- Catherine Stickney, Superintendent of Schools
- Melissa Walker, School Business Manager
- Michael LeBrasseur, School Building Committee Designee

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Sections 44 through 58, and the MSBA Designer Selection Procedures, the DSP voted unanimously to rank the finalists, in order of qualifications, as follows for the subject project:

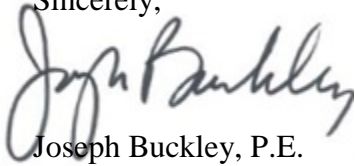
1. Dore & Whittier Architects, Inc.
2. OMR Architects, Inc.
3. Raymond Design Associates, Inc.

The DSP determined that Dore & Whittier Architects, Inc. possesses the requisite skills and experience for this project, particularly in light of their extensive experience in the design and construction of schools in Massachusetts.

The Town of Northbridge should now take the appropriate local steps necessary to award the contract for designer services to the first-ranked firm and authorize fee and contract negotiations. Please know that the Town of Northbridge must use the MSBA's standard contract for designer services, a copy of which can be downloaded from our website, MassSchoolBuildings.org.

Before beginning the contract and fee negotiations, however, and in order to remain eligible for the reimbursement of a portion of the designer services fee, please have your Owner's Project Manager contact the MSBA Project Manager for this project, Fernando Garcia, to discuss the MSBA's guidelines. Upon completion of contract and fee negotiations with the first-ranked firm, please forward a copy of the fully executed contract to Kathryn DeCristofaro, Capital Program Manager, at the MSBA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joseph Buckley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" and last name "Buckley" clearly distinguishable.

Joseph Buckley, P.E.
Chief Engineer

cc: Legislative Delegation
Melissa Walker, School Business Manager
Michael LeBrasseur, School Building Committee Designee
Joel Seeley, Symmes Maini & McKee Associates, Inc.
Donald M Walter, Dore & Whittier Architects, Inc.
Jeanne Kuespert Roberts, OMR Architects, Inc.
Gene S Raymond, Raymond Design Associates, Inc.
Fernando Garcia, MSBA Project Manager

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