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May 5, 2026

Chris Corr, P.E.
Olsson
601 P Street, Suite 200
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Request for Withdrawal of Bid — Construct 2-Bay Box Hangar and Approach, Crete Municipal Airport, AIP Project No. 3-31-0022-017/018/019/020, Olsson Project No. 024-03141

Dear Mr. Corr:

We are writing to respectfully request permission to withdraw our proposal submitted on March 26, 2026, for the above-referenced project. We make this request due to a material clerical error in the compilation of our bid that we discovered after the public opening of proposals.

During bid preparation, our estimator inadvertently incorporated a preliminary quotation from our concrete subcontractor rather than the subcontractor's final quotation. The final quotation exceeded the preliminary figure by \$82,297. This was a clerical mistake in transcription, not an error in judgment. This clerical error resulted in a bid that does not accurately reflect the true cost of the work. Because this error occurred in the mechanical compilation of subcontractor pricing into our total bid, and not in the exercise of judgment regarding means, methods, or markups, we believe it constitutes a bona fide clerical error warranting relief.

As the bid tabulation demonstrates, there is a significant spread between our proposal and the next lowest bidder. This difference exceeds what would be expected under normal competitive conditions and further corroborates the existence of a material mistake. We have spent considerable time since bid opening attempting to identify value-engineering solutions or other means to absorb this cost differential; however, we have concluded that performing the work at our bid price would result in a substantial financial loss that we cannot reasonably bear.

We understand that our bid was accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid amount, as required by the bid documents. We further understand that bids may be held for a period not to exceed 90 calendar days from the date of bid opening to allow the Owner to conduct its bid evaluation and secure federal grant participation. We are making this request well within that evaluation period and prior to any award of contract or execution of a contract agreement.

We respectfully submit that permitting withdrawal under these circumstances is consistent with the Owner's rights under the bid documents. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to take such actions as promote the Owner's best interests. Additionally, the Notice of Award has not been issued, no contract has been executed, and the award remains conditioned upon federal agency concurrence and confirmation of federal funding. Under paragraph GP 30-03, the Owner retains the right to cancel an award without liability to the bidder at any time before a contract has been fully executed.

We value our working relationship with Olsson and the City of Crete. We recently completed an airport hangar project with Olsson that was delivered successfully, and we hope to continue partnering on future projects. It is not our intent to cause any disruption to the project timeline, and we trust that the remaining bidders can provide the Owner with competitive pricing to accomplish this work.



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In support of this request, we are prepared to provide documentation substantiating the clerical error, including the preliminary and final subcontractor quotations and our internal bid worksheet showing where the incorrect figure was entered.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and ask that you forward it to the City of Crete for their review. Please do not hesitate to contact us if any additional information would be helpful.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Eugene Caspers'.

Eugene Caspers
President

cc: City of Crete
243 East 13th Street
Crete, Nebraska 68333