

March 11, 2010

Sent via electronic mail: dvacca@op97.org

Mr. Don Vacca
Director of Buildings and Grounds
Oak Park Elementary School District 97
541 Madison Street
Oak Park, Illinois 60302

Re: Contractor Bids for Asbestos Abatement – Five (5) SD 97 Schools
Project 21 24095A

Dear Mr. Vacca:

Contractor bids for the referenced project were publicly opened on March 4, 2010. A total of eight (8) asbestos abatement contractors submitted bids for the work. The low bidder was SB Enterprises of Chicago, Illinois for the amount of \$72,529. A copy of the Bid tabulation is attached.

ENVIRON contacted SB Enterprises (SBE) to discuss their bid and qualifications for the work. The estimator for SBE, Mr. Luther Rogers, reported that there was an error in their bid and SBE requested that they be allowed to retract their bid. Mr. Rogers reported that SBE did not include the fees associated with the project notifications for each school.

A letter from SBE is attached which requests that their Base Bid price be increased by \$11,000, or that they be allowed to withdraw from the project. It should be noted that the SBE letter incorrectly stated that “the consultant” (i.e. ENVIRON) told the contractors that only one notification was necessary. To the contrary, ENVIRON's documents (Project Manual) states in the ‘General Conditions of the Contract for Construction’ Paragraph 3.7 that all permits, fees, and notices are the responsibility of the Contractor. This was also clearly reiterated during the contractor’s walk through.

ENVIRON is concerned that SBE is not aware of proper notification issues and associated fees, and raises the question of their understanding of the project. This was further exhibited last week when SBE was the low bidder for another School District (Park Ridge School District 64) and SBE also asked to retract their bid on that project.

Therefore, it is ENVIRON's opinion that School District 97 should not award the contract to the reluctant low bidder, SBE. We feel that it is in School District 97's best interest that the work be awarded to the second low bidder, Celtic Environmental.

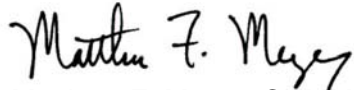
Celtic is an Illinois licensed Asbestos Abatement contractor that has been in business for close to 8 years. We interviewed the estimator for Celtic, Mr. Joe Smurz about the scope of work on this project and the work schedule. Mr. Smurz appeared to have a clear understanding of the scope of work and stated that Celtic understands the work involved, has adequate supplies and workmen to complete the project on schedule, and that they are comfortable with their bid and they want the project.

I also contacted several of Celtic's references, all of which stated that they were very pleased with Celtic's asbestos abatement work on past projects. Celtic has completed a number of successful abatement projects in schools for the Chicago Archdiocese.

Therefore, our office recommends that the project be awarded to the second low bidder, Celtic Environmental for the amount of \$87,085 plus any of the Alternates that the School District may elect to award.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew F. Meyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "F".

Matthew F. Meyer, CHMM

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March 9, 2010

Mr. Norman Lane
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Via Fax 708-524-3020

Mr. Lane,

Per request of the Oak Park Elementary School District 97 environmental consultant, Mr. Matthew Meyer of Environ International, Inc., SB Enterprises, Inc. (SBE) was asked to write this letter to serve as notice that we respectfully request an adjustment to our base bid from \$72,529.00 to \$83,529.00 to cover the cost of the Cook County Notification required to be filed for each of the following schools under the base bid:

Mann School Irving School Beye School
Hatch School Holmes School

As you may be aware, during the walkthrough on February 18, 2010 it was stated by the environmental consultant that only one notification to Cook County would be required under the base bid work. It was later discovered that a separate notification would be required in the amount of \$2,200.00 for each building. SBE was not made aware of this change prior to bid submission and as a result, did not include the cost for additional notification requirements in its base bid.

SBE would like to be awarded this project and perform the environmental services as outlined in the specifications. SBE is recognized as a leader in providing a wide range of occupational health, asbestos, and other environmental contracting and consulting services and wants to be recognized as a company that epitomizes excellence in terms of servicing your needs. Unfortunately SBE cannot perform the work as outlined in the project bid without the adjustment and respectfully request removal as the lowest qualified bidder if the adjustment is not approved.

SBE appreciates the time taken to review this request and patiently await your response. Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Luther Rogers

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Luther Rogers".

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cc: Matt Meyer-Environ