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Via Email (gbrennan@twpunionschools.com) and Mail

Township of Union Public Schools
2369 Morris Avenue
Union, NJ 07083

Attn: Mr. Gregory E. Brennan
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

**Re: Union High School Media Center HVAC Upgrades and Repairs
Bid Award Report**

Dear Mr. Brennan:

As you are aware, bids were received on Thursday, 19 October 2017 for the Union High School Media Center HVAC Upgrades and Repairs. Fifteen contractors picked up plans and specifications and eleven contractors submitted bids. The bids ranged from a low bid of \$110,900. to \$258,000.

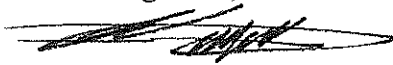
We have reviewed the bids received, the references of low bidders and Township of Union Public Schools Attorney's recommendation review letter dated, 3 November 2017 copy attached.

EI Associates agrees with the Board Attorney recommendation, we take no exception to the award of the contract for construction of the Union High School Media Center HVAC Upgrades and Repairs to the apparent second lowest bidder, C. Dougherty & Co., Inc. of Paterson, NJ in the amount of \$207,000. Included in this amount is a \$10,000. For contingency line item to be used for unforeseen conditions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

EI ASSOCIATES
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Ralph Nashed
Sr. Project Manager

Cc: EI Distribution



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November 3, 2017

Sent via Electronic Mail Only
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**RE: Union Township Board of Education ("Board")
Media Center HVAC Upgrade Union High School ("Project")**

Dear Mr. Brennan:

Pursuant to your request, I reviewed the bids submitted for the above referenced Project. The apparent low bidder is C. Dougherty & Co., Inc. ("Dougherty") with a base bid of \$207,000.00 after withdrawal of the bid submitted by Industrial Cooling that was obviously a mistake and submitted in error.

Based upon the documents submitted to me, Dougherty is the lowest responsible bidder. N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(t) defines the "lowest responsible bidder or vendor" as the bidder or vendor: "(1) whose response to a request for bids offers the lowest price and is responsive; and (2) who is responsible." Further, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2(y) provides that "responsive" "means conforming in all material respects to the terms and conditions, specifications, legal requirements, and other provisions of the request."

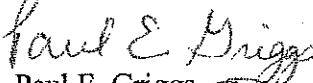
In sum, the bid submitted by Dougherty complies with the New Jersey Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. Therefore, the Board may award the above Project to C. Dougherty & Co. at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

SCIARRILLO, CORNELL, MERLINO, MCKEEVER & OSBORNE, LLC.


Paul E. Griggs
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cc: Gregory A. Tatum, Superintendent/Principal (via electronic mail)
Ralph Nashed, EI Associates (via electronic mail)