



December 8, 2017

Attn.: Mr. Michael Jones
City of Margate, Parks and Recreation
6199 NW 10th Street
Margate, FL 33063

Re: Margate Sorts Complex Renovation, Bid #2018-007

Dear Mr. Jones:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the City of Margate with an opinion of bid acceptability for the above referenced project. The City received (3) three bids with the amounts ranging from 469,003.50 to \$688,453.66. The low responsive/reasonable bidder was PE Services with a bid amount of \$469,003.50.

The apparent low bid was approximately 46% below the other two bids received. The other two bids are almost identical from each other. In reviewing the Bid Items, we found that PE Services dugout lump sums where the most significant lower cost differential at approximately \$169,000.00 below the next higher bid. We contacted PE services and ask them to verify that every item was accounted for, understood and that all Addendum information was received and reviewed thoroughly.

The City requested CPZ Architects to evaluate the lowest responsive bid and provide an opinion of bid acceptability. The City also confirmed they have worked with PE Services in the past and informed us they performed in a satisfactory manner. We have reviewed the low bid and found that PE Services significant lower cost differential compared to the other two as highly irregular. Thus, after we received their responses, assuring us they feel comfortable with their proposal, City's positive opinion on their past work performance, and assuming all other bidding requirements have been met, we cannot find any reason not to recommend awarding the construction contract to PE Services.

Respectfully,
CPZ Architects, Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris P. Zimmerman'.

Chris P. Zimmerman, AIA
President

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