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Mr. Thomas J. Sheridan, P.E., P.S.
City of Hudson
51 S. Main Street, Suite 3
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RE: Former Youth Development Center Hazardous Materials Removal and Demolition
Hudson, Ohio

Mr. Sheridan:

Environmental Design Group has reviewed the bid for the Former Youth Development Center Hazardous Materials Removal and Demolition (Hudson YDC Project) submitted by Bauman Enterprises, Inc. (Baumann). This review included but was not limited to examination of information submitted by Baumann describing past and current projects, references for past performance, corporate financial records.

Environmental Design Group reviewed the past projects list and found several of Baumann's past projects to be of similar size and scope to the Hudson YDC Project. Baumann provided references for 92 projects between 2007 and present, and four of these projects were of similar size and complexity to the Hudson YDC Project. By contrast, the next closest bidder (Ray Bertolini Trucking Company) provided reference projects for the same period, and only one project was of similar size and scope to the Hudson YDC project. It is also clear from the review that Baumann has experience completing projects as a general contractor and as a subcontractor.

Another consideration in Environmental Design Group's review of Baumann's bid was that Baumann plans to utilize an affiliate company, Cleveland Environmental Services, to perform asbestos abatement. This provides additional confidence that timing and communication between the asbestos abatement and demolition portions of the project will be suitable to avoid any schedule conflicts or communication-related issues.

We also contacted references for past project provided by Baumann (including the City of Cleveland and consultants for which Baumann has performed work). The references spoke highly of Baumann, the quality of their work, and the professionalism and flexibility of their work force. Environmental Design Group also read the enclosed audit of Baumann's financial report and found no cause for concern regarding that auditor's opinion of the financials.

Based on our evaluation and information provided by Baumann, Environmental Design Group recommends Baumann to complete the Hudson YDC project. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Montecalvo, PE
Director of Environmental Services