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Mr. Alexander Davis  
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Gaston County Public Works  
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Mr. Davis,

On September 14, 2021, Shield Engineering assisted Mr. Alexander Davis with Gaston County in the opening of three (3) bids for the Tryon Courthouse Road ADA Renovations and Facilities Improvement project. Three bids consisting of unit price costs were compared to one another based on overall price of the project and submitted materials. Based on these two things, it was determined that TC Strickland Construction, Inc. turned in the overall lowest bid form to complete the project per the construction drawings and specifications and are well suited to perform the work. Their total bid cost was \$1,408,390.29, which includes Alternate Bid Item 109a. The second lowest firm to bid was Pinnix, Inc. at \$1,538,761.75 and third was Catalyst Construction Company at \$2,494,822.00. Both of the subsequent bid costs also include Alternate Bid Item 109a.

Because the project contract is solely between Gaston County and the chosen contractor, Shield recommends that the County's legal representatives review all contractual documents prior to the actual awarding of the contract.

Should you have any questions, please contact one of the undersigned.

Sincerely,

**SHIELD ENGINEERING, INC.**

David Weikle, P.E.  
Project Engineer

Robert L. Griffin, P.E.  
CEO and Principal Engineer