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Mr. Dan Ziehm, PE
Assistant Director of Public Works
Gaston County Public Works Dept.
PO Box 1578
Gastonia, NC 28053

Re: Gaston County Animal Care & Enforcement Facility – Bid Award Recommendation

Dear Mr. Ziehm,

Bids were received for the Gaston County Animal Care & Enforcement Facility on Thursday April 5, 2018. Six contractors submitted bids and all bids were publically opened and read aloud. Of the six bids received all six appeared to be responsive bids, per our conversations with the County.

The apparent low bid received was submitted by PHC Industrial, North Carolina General Contractors License # 78926 with a total low bid of \$5,499,721. Having reviewed the submitted bids, along with the required bid bond and MBE information included with the bid, it appears that this data is adequately submitted. While we are still in the process of hearing from more of PHC Industrial's references, the few that we heard from since the very recent bid opening have all given positive references. It is our understanding that the County believes that the Apparent Low Bid (ALB) meets the state requirements per GS 143-128 to be considered the "lowest responsible, responsive bidder".

Based on the limited information above, we recommend award of the construction contract for the Gaston County Animal Care & Enforcement Facility to PHC Industrial for the total bid amount of \$5,499,721.

Please let us know if you have any question or concerns or need any further information. We have attached, for your convenience and use a copy of the entire bid along with the certified bid tab.

Sincerely,

Ken Newell

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