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May 4, 2022

Jeffrey Szymaniak, Superintendent 610 Franklin Street Whitman, MA 02382

**RE: Designer Selection** 

Whitman-Hanson Whitman Middle School

MSBA ID: 201907800310

Dear Superintendent Szymaniak:

On Tuesday, May 3, 2022, the Massachusetts School Building Authority Designer Selection Panel ("DSP") interviewed the finalists for the above-referenced project. The following individuals represented the on the DSP:

- Beth Stafford, School Committee Member
- George Ferro, Assistant Superintendent
- Lincoln Heineman, Town Administrator

In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Sections 44 through 58, and the MSBA Designer Selection Procedures, the DSP voted unanimously to rank the finalists, in order of qualifications, as follows for the subject project:

- 1. Ai3 Architects LLC
- 2. Studio G. Architects, Inc.
- 3. LaVallee Brensinger Architects

The DSP determined that Ai3 Architects LLC possesses the requisite skills and experience for this project, particularly in light of their extensive experience in the design and construction of schools in Massachusetts.

The Whitman-Hanson Regional School District should now take the appropriate local steps necessary to award the contract for designer services to the first-ranked firm and authorize fee and contract negotiations. Please know that they must use the MSBA's standard contract for designer services, a copy of which can be downloaded from our website, MassSchoolBuildings.org.

Before beginning the contract and fee negotiations, however, and in order to remain eligible for the reimbursement of a portion of the designer services fee, please have your Owner's Project Manager contact the MSBA Project Manager for this project, Christina Forde, to discuss the MSBA's guidelines. Upon completion of contract and fee negotiations with the first-ranked firm, please forward a copy of the fully executed contract to Kathryn DeCristofaro, Capital Program Manager, at the MSBA.

Sincerely,

Karl Brown, AIA Design Director

cc: Legislative Delegation

for Brown.

Michelle Lindberg, Assistant to Superintendent, Whitman-Hanson RSD

Carl F. Kowalski, Chair, Whitman Board of Selectmen

Christopher Howard, Chair, Whitman-Hanson Regional School Committee

Beth Stafford, School Committee Member, Whitman-Hanson Regional School District

George Ferro, Assistant Superintendent, Whitman-Hanson Regional School District

Lincoln Heineman, Town Administrator, Whitman, MA

Troy Randall, Ai3 Architects LLC

Gail Sullivan, Studio G. Architects, Inc.

Leigh Sherwood, LaVallee Brensinger Architects

John Bates, Owner's Project Manager, Colliers Project Leaders NE, LLC

Ken Guyette, Owner's Project Manager, Colliers Project Leaders NE, LLC

Christina Forde, MSBA Project Manager

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