February, 17, 2025

Evelyn VanSant Mauldin Chair, Physical Properties Committee Sid McDonald Hall 500 University Boulevard, East Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

RE: Construction Award: Facility for Outreach, Research, Training, and Education

Interior Renovation Construction Package A UA Project No: 144-24-3655

Dear Trustee Mauldin:

The University of Alabama ("University") has received competitive bids for the Facility for Outreach, Research, Training, and Education Interior Renovation ("Project"). The Project consists of a single construction package to accommodate the College of Engineering's SafeState program and includes Owner Furnished Contractor Installed Equipment to successfully meet the Project's schedule.

The Project was advertised in the following paper of general circulation per Title 39, Public Works provisions of the Code of Alabama requirements: *The Tuscaloosa News*. The advertisement described the scope of work for the Project and requested interested firms to submit their qualifications. The University determined that the following general contractors met the requirements:

• UA Master List for General Contractors

On August 13, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., a public bid opening was held, and three pre-qualified general contractors submitted bids. The Designer of Record, KPS Group Inc., of Birmingham, Alabama, certified J.T. Harrison Construction Co., Inc. of Tuscaloosa, AL ("Harrison Construction") as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder with an adjusted base bid in the amount of \$1,424,000. I have attached the Certified Bid Tabulation for your review.

The total project budget is:

BUDGET	Current	
Construction Package A	\$	1,424,000
OFCI Package B	\$	76,000
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	\$	130,000
Security/Access Control	\$	60,000
Telecommunication/Data	\$	72,000
Audio Visual	\$	245,000
Contingency (5%)	\$	75,000
UA Project Management Fee (4.5%)	\$	70,875
Architect/Engineer Fee (~7.81%)	\$	149,650
Other	\$	97,475
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$	2,400,000

Package Submitted for Approval with This Memo

Based on Board Rule 415 applicable to construction contracts on Capital projects involving interior renovation projects under \$10,000,000, approval is hereby requested for:

- 1. Acceptance of the bid process and certification of the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, J.T. Harrison Construction Co., Inc. of Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2. Approval for The University to award the Construction Package A contract to J.T. Harrison Construction Co., Inc. of Tuscaloosa, AL, accepting the adjusted base bid for a total construction award in the amount of \$1,424,000.
- 3. Approval to add this Project as an administrative item to the February 7, 2025, Board meeting agenda.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Daniel T. Layzell

Sincerely.

Vice President for Finance and Operations

and Treasurer

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TABULATION OF BIDS

THE UNIVERSITY OF **ALABAMA**

Project Name Facility for Outreach, Research, Training, and Education Interior Renovation

UA Project No. 144-24-3655

Bid Due August 13, 2024 2:00 p.m. local time

Bid Location 405 Cahaba Circle Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35404

Architect/Engineer **KPS** Group 60 14th Street South, Suite 100 Birmingham, AL 35233 phone: (205) 251-0125 fax: (205) 458-1513

FUNDS AVAILABLE:	Not Announced	
BIDS SHALL BE VALID FOR:	Sixty (60) Days	
CONSTRUCTION DURATION:	Project Completion: December 6, 2024	

	J. T. Harrison Construction Co., Inc.	RCI Contractors & Engineers, Inc.	Snow-Blakeney Construction, Inc.
CONTRACTOR	P. O. Box 21300 Tuscaloosa, AL 35402 (205) 333-1120 GC Lic. #20245	2615 Gary Fitts St., Ste. 6 Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 (205) 752-0333 GC Lic. #18041	3519 Greensboro Ave. Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 (205) 454-2100 GC Lic. #50742
Addenda ONE - THREE	X Yes No	X Yes No	X Yes No
LICENSE # ON ENVELOPE	_X_Yes No	X Yes No	X Yes No
BONDING COMPANY OR BID DEPOSIT	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co. of America	Merchants National Bonding, Inc.	Cincinnati Insurance Co.
BASE BID ON PROPOSAL	\$ 1,600,000.00	\$ 1,410,099.00	\$ 1,500,000.00
ENVELOPE ADJUSTMENT	(176,000.00)	70,000.00	(53,177.00)
TOTAL BID	\$ 1,424,000.00	\$ 1,480,099.00	\$ 1,446,823.00

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE BIDS WERE RECEIVED SEALED AND WERE PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ ALOUD AT THE TIME AND PLACE INDICATED AND THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT TABULATION OF ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT. I RECOMMEND AWARD OF THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE BIDDER AS SHOWN ABOVE, AS DETERMINED BY THE AVAILABLE FUNDS AND SUBJECT TO THE INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS AND ANY APPLICABLE LAW.

Richard Pitts AIA, LEED AP

KPS Group

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of Avaust

Notary Public

My Commission Expires