May 11, 2012

Kenton County Clerk Court Street Covington, KY

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## Re: Bids for Clerk's Office Remodeling - Independence

Dear

The bids for the Independence Office Remodeling were received on May 8, 2012 at 2:00 PM. There were six bidders. The bids showed a 15% variance which we consider tight in this slow construction climate and for a small project. The bids without alternates ranged from a low of \$44,800 to a high of \$54,358.

Several alternate bids were taken to provide flexibility in managing the final cost. Two of those alternates are recommended for the value they provide. Alternate A-2 will provide painting of the Clerk's room and Alternate A-3 will provide new flooring throughout the Clerk's room. The range in bids including these two alternate bids is \$48,300 to \$58,050.

The Bid Tabulation is attached. The low bidder by Base Bid plus the two recommended Alternates is Klenco Construction of Taylor Mill, Kentucky.

The bids have been reviewed and no irregularities were found with the Klenco bid. Our firm has had several previous experiences with Klenco and all of them were very positive. The only irregularity found in the bids was the omission of required references by Y. M. Sun, which is a basis for disqualification.

Since we are familiar with Klenco and they have a long history in Northern Kentucky, our recommendation is to accept the bid of Klenco Construction.

The budget for the project was \$50,000. The low bid is \$1,700 under the estimate.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the project. We await your decision on how to proceed.

Sincerely,

Rick Wolnitzek, Principal Wolnitzek Architects