Dear Owner,

We understand that your responsibilities as a public official are serious and can be complex, especially projects involving public funds such as transportation (roads and bridges) or water/wastewater systems. Enclosed is some information that can help you make the right choices and be successful during those times.

On behalf of the consulting engineering firms of ACEC Indiana, we heartily recommend the use of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) to select the most qualified firm to provide professional design services for your capital projects.

Why? Because, when hiring an engineer for your projects, it is in your best interest to find a firm that has the qualifications to give you the most appropriate design. Design is a very small percentage of the overall cost of the project, but a good design will positively affect the cost of construction and lifetime costs of operation and maintenance.

To use QBS, you have options: it may as simple as hiring a firm that you have experienced previous success with, or you may use the QBS “process” to choose a new firm. It is a competitive and negotiated process, and you can see how straightforward it is in the attached brochure.

You want a project that meets your needs and is completed on time and on budget. Using QBS will get your project started on a path of success. Accelerating Indiana Municipalities and the Indiana Association of County Commissioners also endorse the use of QBS as the preferred method of hiring an engineering firm for design of public works projects.

I would be pleased to answer any questions or meet with you to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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