



To: Dr. Borowicz
From: RJ McGarry
Date: April 3, 2025
Re: Approval of Bid Recommendation for Exterior Stairs

On March 10, 2025, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was circulated for the following summary of professional services:

- Removal of the exterior stairs on the west side of campus.
- Install a new retaining wall in the place of the stairs.
- Replace the sunken stairs on the southwest for egress traffic.
- Rework landscaping where removed.

The bid opening was held on Monday, March 31, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Two companies submitted bids. The low bidder, DPI Construction, had a bid of \$273,326.02.

Approval of the bid from DPI Construction is recommended.



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April 03, 2025

RJ McGarry, Executive Director of Campus Operations & Technology
Business Services, Room C2140
Kishwaukee College
21193 Malta Road
Malta, Illinois 60150

Re: Kishwaukee College – Exterior Stair Renovations, DKA Project No. 24-021A
Letter of Recommendation to Award a Construction Contract

Dear Mr. RJ McGarry,

Bids were opened for the above referenced project at 1:00 PM on March 31, 2025. Two (2) bids were received and reviewed.

After reviewing the bids, Demonica Kemper Architects interviewed the apparent low bidder to ensure the bid documents were clear, without conflict, and no assumptions were made. Demonica Kemper Architects also confirmed the apparent low bidder understands the scope of work and has an appropriate plan to meet the project schedule.

Due to the above-listed reasons, Demonica Kemper Architects recommends that the Board of Trustees of Kishwaukee College consider awarding the contract for construction to:

DPI Construction Inc.
630 Main Street, P.O. Box 489
Pecatonica, IL 61063

for the contract amount of \$273,326.02. We are not recommending the approval of Alternate I, a deduction of \$0 to eliminate the Liquidated Damages clause from the contract.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the bidding of this project, please do not hesitate to call or email. Demonica Kemper Architects looks forward to working with Kishwaukee College toward the successful completion of this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'B' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Bejil Thomas
Senior Associate

cc: Dominick Demonica, DKA

Exterior Stair Renovations
DKA Proj: 24-021A

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NOTES: One (1) Original, (2) Copies

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Bid Opening Conference Sign-In Sheet

Client: Kishwaukee College Project: Exterior Stair Renovations Project No.: 24-021A

Date: March 31, 2025

Name	Company	Trade	Contact (tel or e-mail)
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4 Jake Castanza	Labovors Local 32	Labovors	Jake@local32.us
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