

To: Dr. Laurie Borowicz, President  
From: David J. Dammon, Executive Director of Campus Operations  
Date: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
Re: Approval of Bid Recommendation for Softball Field Upgrades and ADA Improvements

On January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 a Request for Proposals (RFP) was circulated for the following summary of professional services:

- Demolition of existing dugouts and paved areas that do not meet ADA requirements
- Construction of two new "Dugout" shelters and an equipment storage area
- Concrete accessibility improvements to the walkways to the field and bleachers
- Safety fencing improvements to the field and dugouts for players and fans

Interested firms were invited to submit (a) a statement concerning their company history and the qualifications of their key personnel, (b) a bid security, (c) a performance bond, (d) a prevailing wage rate verification and (e) a separate pricing statement.

The bid opening was held Friday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. Three firms submitted bids. (see attached Bid Tab sheet). The low bidder, Gehrke Construction Inc., had bid of \$401,000.00. The company had excellent references and the bid was well below the range of the estimates of the architect.

DKA estimated the project would total \$663,953.00. The bid came in \$131,230.00 under the estimated total cost, and contingency was also reduced. The total cost of the project is now estimated to be \$519,600.00 including contingency, and Architectural and Engineering fees.

Approval of the Gehrke Construction Inc. bid is recommended.



DEMONICA KEMPER ARCHITECTS

125 North Halsted Street, Suite 301 Chicago, Illinois 60661 T 312.496.0000 | F 312.496.0001  
www.dka-design.com

February 1, 2022

Mr. Dave Dammon, Executive Director of Campus Operations  
Kishwaukee College  
21193 Malta Road  
Malta, Illinois 60150

Re: Softball Field Upgrades  
**Letter of Recommendation to Award a Construction Contract**

Dear Mr. Dammon,

Bids were received on the above referenced project at 1:00 pm on January 28, 2022. Four contractors were Bidders of Record and four bids were received. One bid was discarded unopened as the bidders failed to sign-in for a site visit as required in the specifications.

The bid documents were organized into a single Base Bid Package. Upon review of the bid submittals and project scope, Gehrke Construction, Inc. was the low bidder. We believe that they have met the intent of the bidding requirements for the project and included all of the required work per the bidding documents within their bid. Demonica Kemper Architects has reviewed the qualifications of Gehrke Construction, Inc. and have found no evidence which would disqualify them from being awarded the contract for this work. Demonica Kemper Architects, therefore, recommends that the Board of Trustees of Kishwaukee College consider awarding the contract for construction to:

Gehrke Construction, Inc.  
421 Grove Street  
DeKalb, IL 60115

The contract amount shall include the Base Bid minus an approved substitution for a total contract amount of \$390,750.00. DKA recommends that Alternate #1 should not be accepted since the substantial completion date is important for this project. Work for the project shall be substantially completed in accordance with the contract documents.

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

Sincerely,

Nicholas Schoeppner, AIA, NCARB  
Associate

Bidding Contractor	Addenda Included							Bid Amounts		
	I	4113	4313	4325	4339	4351	4519	Base Bid	Alternate I	Substitutions
1) Larson & Larson	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$406,000.00	N/A	N/A
2) Irving Construction	X	X	X	X	X		X	\$409,000.00	N/A	-\$7,500.00
3) Gehrke Construction	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	\$401,000.00	-\$5,000.00	-\$10,250.00

- Section 00 41 13 - Bid Form
- Section 00 43 13 - Bid Bond
- Section 00 43 25 - Substitution Sheet
- Section 00 43 39 - MBE/FBE/PBE/DBE Proposed Supplier/Subcontractor Form
- Section 00 43 51 - W9 - Request for Taxpayer Identification Number & Certification
- Section 00 45 19 - Bidder Eligibility Certification & Non-Collusion Affidavit