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DATE: 5/4/2018
TO: Matt Hendren
FROM: ADG Team
SUBJECT: NORMAN FORWARD – Griffin Park Phase I – Evaluation of Bids (Bid No. 1718-62)

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PROJECT NO: 16-003 PHASE NO: Construction

ADG, P.C., concurs with the Designer of Record, Planning Design Group, Tulsa, OK, that RSM Development, Inc. “was not the most qualified contractor to complete the contract...(with particular) concerns due to lack of experience with sports and park related projects” and their being non-responsive to the Financial Statement requirements of the bid documents.

Eight (8) bids were received for the above referenced Project. The Bid Form included the following statement: “The apparent low bidder shall submit a completed A305 Contractor’s Qualification Statement to the Owner, if requested.” The City of Norman requested that all bidders submit an A305 Contractor’s Qualification Statement, which was to include a Financial Statement and latest balance sheet, along with: “Written documentation with proof of being in business at least five years, proof of previous work of similar scope, cost, and design, and include five construction projects of similar scope, cost, and design, with the following information: Name and phone number of owner, physical address of project and description of the project, year completed, and bid amount.”

The apparent low bidder, RSM Development, Inc., submitted an A305 Contractor’s Qualification Statement, without a Financial Statement. The Bidder made the following statement regarding the Financial Statement, “Will provide if needed.” The City subsequently requested a Financial Statement per the requirement of the A305. RSM responded with a document that did not include their latest balance sheet. This document included a cover letter from The Blankenship Group, Inc., with the following statement, “Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures (and the statements of cash flows) required by generally accepted accounting principles.” The City requested for a third time a Financial Statement with the bidder’s latest balance sheet. RSM then submitted a Financial Statement with a balance sheet and the same cover letter mentioned above.

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