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Mr. Scott Hogan
Director of Facilities and Safety
Mankato Area Public Schools
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RE: Mankato East High School Coffee Shop Letter of Recommendation

Dear Mr. Hogan,

On Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. bids were opened for the Mankato East High School Coffee Shop project. There were five (5) contractors submitting bids for the project ranging from \$114,499 to \$174,805. These bids included separate costs for labor and materials to allow MAPS to utilize tax exempt purchasing on the materials used on the project. A copy of the bid tabulation form is included with this letter which indicates Knutson Construction Services was the apparent low bidder.

As a part of the review of the bids, Oleson + Hobbie Architects, LLC (OHA) discussed the work of the project, lead times, and schedule with Knutson Construction. They feel comfortable that they have included everything that was indicated in the construction documents and can comply with the project schedule.

Based upon this review, OHA recommends that Mankato Area Public Schools accept the low total bid from Knutson Construction Services of \$114,499 for the Mankato East High School Coffee Shop project.

Thank you for allowing Oleson + Hobbie Architects the opportunity to assist you with your renovation project.

Sincerely,



Tim Auringer
Project Manager
Oleson + Hobbie Architects, LLC