

PROPOSAL TO:

Scmidt Associates
415 Massachusetts Avenue
Indianapolis, IN
46204

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Franklin Community High School



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dBA Design Group, inc. is a continuum of dBA Acoustics, established by the late Tom Lorenzen and Harold Geerdes in 1989. In 2016 Tom Lorenzen approached Doug Hood to lead the new team and carry on the dBA legacy. Tom worked with Doug and his team on several projects and was confident that Doug could nurture the values that define dBA; high-level professional acoustic work coupled with personal interaction and customer service.

dBA Design Group, inc. (dBA) is recognized as a comprehensive Acoustical Consulting & Design firm providing consulting services in the areas of: Multipurpose Performance Spaces, Auditoriums, Music Education Facilities, Sports Arenas, Worship Facilities, Conference & Meeting Rooms, & Industrial Noise Control.

dBA Design Group, inc. has a great deal of time invested in basic research of acoustics and audio control. Lorenzen and Geerdes' research resulted in the awarding of U.S. Patent # 4,847,718, as well as being instrumental in the EMI/RFI design of the SINCGARS radio system used by the US military.

Harold Geerdes authored the book "Music Facilities: Building, Equipping, and Renovating", which is the reference used by MENC (Music Educators National Conference). Following the lead of Lorenzen and Geerdes, the new leadership and staff of dBA provide a well-rounded knowledge of Construction Technology and the Communication Arts & Sciences needed for professional consultation and design in our industry.

Our Name describes what we do:

dB = Decibel (international term used in audio, communications and acoustics) a unit of measurement for the intensity of a sound wave

A = A weighting (the sound measurement, etc. is tailored to the way people hear sound)

Design Group = An interdisciplinary group of professionals providing the best in acoustic study, control and technology

We provide solutions so that you can hear what you should hear.

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BAND PRACTICE FIELD

SCOPE

dBA Design Group would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide our services for this project. The following scope of work and fees are based on careful review of all owner-provided drawings, documents, and communications.

Scope of Work

Required Discovery - In order to develop a proper Acoustic Testing Plan, dBA would require specific information regarding the band program, configurations, sound system support, etc. The questions below are representative of the needed discovery. dBA will provide a questionnaire document to be filled out by school admin/staff.

- Band Practice Schedule
- Knowledge of how many instruments, what types, and how they are paired off into groupings
- How sound reinforcement may be used, system type, location and hours of use
- Any changes that have taken place in the band curriculum outside of the location change (number of instruments, types of grouping, sound reinforcement, new band director, changes in time of day or duration of practice, etc.)
- Nature/frequency of complaints before new practice location

Deliverables

- Execution of On-Site Acoustical Testing w/use of Calibrated, Type 1 sound measurement device
- dBA will present an Acoustical Findings Report outlining the testing plan and methods, programs and tools used to evaluate the site-captured data and a summary of the conditions that would likely be experienced at the adjacent property during various practice scenarios.
- Included in the Acoustical Findings Report will be a preliminary example of a possible sound mitigation solution.

Meetings

- 3-4 virtual meetings (including Acoustical Findings Report review meeting)
- Email/phone communications as needed

Testing Requirements

- The best way to capture, model, and analyze accurate sound levels will likely be to capture sound level readings at various locations of the full band during a rehearsal.

Total Fee: \$6,200

Payment Schedule

100% to be invoiced upon signing of proposal

Disclaimer:

dBA Design Group offers consulting services in the areas of acoustical sound quality, acoustical noise and vibration, and AVL technology. How these services interact with other building systems such as structural, NEC, fire safety and code compliance in general is not the responsibility of dBA Design Group. It is important to note that unless otherwise contracted, the designs and recommendations contained within this document include no construction administration services.

ACOUSTICS

QTY DESCRIPTION

1 dBA Service Package dBA Design Group Consultation services

ACOUSTICS TOTAL	\$6,200.00
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BAND PRACTICE FIELD TOTAL	\$6,200.00
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ACCEPTANCE

FINANCIAL

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
100% to be invoiced upon signing of proposal

ENGINEERING	\$6,200.00
MANAGEMENT	\$0.00
LABOR TOTAL	\$6,200.00

SUBTOTAL	\$6,200.00
PROJECT TOTAL	\$6,200.00

TERMS

I accept this proposal and hereby authorize dBa Design Group to proceed with the professional services described in the scope within this document. I further authorize dBa Design Group to be granted right to use any/all project related information for research, development and/or marketing purposes.

In keeping with the Terms of Payment listed above. It has been made clear to me that there exist no understandings regarding this project with any relevant party unless and until Schmidt Associates and dBa Design Group agree to such additional or alternate understandings in writing. Project cost and pricing are dependent upon a continual flow of work without interruption or delays imposed by Schmidt Associates or their staff, sub-consultants, construction, other building trades or any other party; additional costs may be incurred by Schmidt Associates from dBa Design Group if such delays result in additional costs that are not covered by the pricing in this proposal.

I agree that any additions to and/or deletions from the services to be provided by my acceptance of this proposal and any resulting change(s) in cost of this project shall only be by way of written agreement and shall be valid only after being signed by Schmidt Associates and dBa Design Group. This proposal is valid only if accepted in writing by Schmidt Associates and services fee retainer received no later than .

ACCEPTANCE

Franklin Community Schools

SIGNED

Dr. David Clendenen

PRINT NAME

DBA DESIGN GROUP

DATE

Franklin Community Schools, Superintendent

TITLE

SIGNED

PRINT NAME

DATE

TITLE