



December 11, 2024

Mr. Jim Fitton  
Director of Finance and Operations  
Riverside School District 96  
3440 S. Harlem Avenue  
Riverside, IL 60546

Re: Ames ES Boiler Replacement Project 2024-25  
RSD96  
Bid Recommendation

Dear Jim:

Vistara has received DLA's review of (7) bids received for the Ames ES Boiler Replacement Project. We offer the following summary for your consideration.

C Acitelli Heating & Piping Contractors Base Bid is in the amount of 764,000.00 (including a \$40,000 base bid general allowance). Acitelli's bid was judged to be the most responsive qualified bid and offered the best value to the district. The district has worked with Acitelli on numerous projects dating back almost 15 years and they have been a good faith contractor and have delivered on time previously.

Review of Bids Received:

Established Budget \$862,500 including a 10% contingency  
High Bid - \$962,250.00  
Low Bid - \$764,000.00

A review of the above indicates that the low bid offers substantial value to the district and we recommend that RSD96 **award a contract of \$764,000 to C Acitelli Heating and Piping Contractors.**

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 312-986-8660.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ramesh Nair', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ramesh Nair  
Principal

CC: File 25301

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December 10, 2024

Mr. James Fitton  
3440 S. Harlem Avenue  
Riverside, IL 60546

**Re: 2025 Ames Boiler Replacement Project**  
*Bid Recommendation*  
Project # 2024.090

Dear Mr. Fitton:

Bids were received the afternoon of December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. for the 2025 Boiler Replacement Project. The Scope of Work includes, but is not limited to, the replacement of an existing boiler system and all work as indicated in the drawings and specifications.

Plans and Specifications had been distributed to 10 potential bidders, six of whom chose to submit Bids. Following the Bid Opening, I have reviewed all of the submitted Documentation and offer the following comments.

Of the six Bids received, the lowest responsible for bidder was C. Accitelli Mechanical with a **Base Bid of \$764,000.00 for a total Bid amount of \$764,000.00**. Included in these base bids are General Allowances in the amount of **\$40,000**. The Bid amount was below the projected budget of \$862,500.00 prepared by Vistara Construction.

Given the current market conditions and bidding climate, we do find that the bid amount is reasonable and appropriate for the proposed scope of work at this point in time.

Our office has contacted Mr. Charlie Accitelli , Owner of C. Accitelli Mechanical and verified his Bid as being complete as submitted. See his attached letter confirming their Bid. Following the review of the Bids, **our office would recommend that the Board accept the Base Bid and Award the project to; The C. Accitelli Mechanical for the Total Bid in the amount of \$764,000.00.**

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Should you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the first name.

Ryan Kelley, AIA

Attachments:

Bid Confirmation Letter, Bid Summary

Cc:

Ramesh Nair, Vistara Construction  
Steve Wright, DLA Architects

2025 Ames Boiler Replacement Project

Project No. 2024.090

Bids Due: December 3, 2024



BID TAB

Contractor	Bid Bond	Add #1			Base Bid			Notes
Anchor Mechanical	Y	Y			\$935,500.00			
C. Acitelli Heating	Y	Y			\$764,000.00			
F.E. Moran	Y	Y			\$775,000.00			
Ideal Heating	Y	Y			\$862,111.00			
Morrison Constrcuton	N/A	N/A			No Bid			
Quality Control Systems	Y	Y			\$777,000.00			
Voris Mechanical	Y	Y			\$962,250.00			

Base Bid General Allowance: \$40,000

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HEATING & PIPING CONTRACTORS, INC.

December 10, 2024

Ryan Kelley  
DLA Architects Ltd  
Two Pierce Place  
Suite 1300  
Itasca, IL 60143

RE: Ames Boiler Replacement Project  
DLA Project No. 2024.090

Ryan,

Please consider this a letter of confirmation that C. Acitelli Heating & Piping Contractors, Inc. will perform the work associated with the HVAC Mechanical scope and drawings at Ames Elementary School, Boiler replacement project as bid upon on December 3, 2024, for \$764,000.00.

We also acknowledge the schedule as stated in the project manual. We shall commence construction on or as closely as possible to June 4, 2025 and work shall be substantially complete no later than August 1, 2025 and achieve final completion by August 8, 2025.

We look forward to working with you on this project.

Respectfully,

*Charles Acitelli, Jr.*

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