

May 11, 2016

Kerry Leider
Property and Risk Manager
Duluth Public Schools
215 North 1st Ave. East
Duluth, MN 55802

Re: Recommendation of Award
HOCHS Parking Lot Improvements
Bid # 1248-1

Dear Kerry:

I have reviewed the (5) bids received for the Parking Lot Improvements at HOCHS. See attached Bid Tabulation for summary of all bids.

All bidders provided a complete and competent bid. I therefore am recommending to you, that the Duluth School District award the project to **Utility Systems of America (USA)**, being the low bidder. Also after discussions with yourself and staff, I recommend that Bid Alternate #1 shall be authorized as part of the contract. See breakdown of amounts shown below:

Base Bid Total (Lump Sum): \$664,986.00
Bid Alternate #1 (Lump Sum): \$29,862.00

Total Lump Sum Contract Amount: **\$694,848.00**

NCE is confident that USA will perform the work in accordance to the plans and specifications in a quality and timely manner.

If you have any questions please contact me at 218-727-5995.

Sincerely,



David Bolf, P.E. - Partner
Northland Consulting Engineers LLP