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February 12, 2024

Ms. Cynthia Phillips Independence Community School District 1207 1st Street West Independence, IA 50644

Re: Contractor Recommendation

Independence CSD 2024 Baseball Field Improvements

Independence, Iowa

LEMN Project No: 92230059.000

Dear Ms. Cynthia Phillips:

Based upon our review of the bid results for the above referenced project, we recommend the apparent low bidder, Top Grade Excavating, be awarded the site development contract in the amount of \$377,661.00.

We have contacted Top Grade Excavating for a list of recent relevant projects and references. Top Grade Excavating provided eight projects and one reference, a school district who worked with Top Grade Excavating on a synthetic turf installation project. Our investigation has found their overall performance, workmanship, scheduling, and quality control to be satisfactory.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 515-225-4377.

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Cynthia Phillips:

Based upon our review of the bid results for the above referenced project, we recommend the apparent low bidder, Sprinturf, be awarded the synthetic turf system contract in the amount of \$354,575.00.

We have personal experience working with Sprinturf and have found their overall performance, workmanship, scheduling, and quality control to be satisfactory.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at 515-225-4377.

Sincerely,

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