



May 3, 2021

Kevin Barto
Director of Buildings and Grounds
Downers Grove Grade School District #58
1435 Prairie Avenue
Downers Grove, IL 60515

RE: Highland Elementary School Playground

Dear Kevin,

After attending the bid opening on April 30, 2021, and reviewing the bids, George’s Landscaping, Inc. is the apparent low bidder. The following table identifies the bid results:

	Contractor 1	Contractor 3	Contractor 2
Bid Signed	George’s Landscaping	Hacienda Landscaping	The Kenneth Company
Bid Bond	Yes	Yes	Yes
Base Bid	\$98,500	\$119,780	\$151,394

We contacted George’s Landscaping references, and asked the following questions:

Communications

1. Were they easy to communicate with?
2. Did they initiate communications when problems arose?
3. Were they good problem solvers, did they want to be involved in the solution?
4. Did they follow standard procedures for RFIs, payout applications, etc?

Quality

1. Would you describe their work as detailed oriented?
2. Were there any quality/craftsmanship issues with their or their sub-contractors work?
3. Was any work removed and re-done due to poor quality or non-passing test results?

Budget/Schedule

1. Did they initiate a lot of change orders?
2. Was their pricing for Owner requested change orders reasonable?
3. Did they meet the project deadline? If no, why not?

Miscellaneous

1. If given the opportunity to hire or recommend them, would you?

Our conclusions, after reviewing George's Landscaping bid and based on their references:

1. Wight & Company has worked with George's Landscaping on many prior projects that feature good quality construction.
2. It appears that George's Landscaping has good problem-solving skills and is good at coordinating and communicating with all of the involved parties.
3. It appears that George's Landscaping consistently completes their work on time.

We have reviewed the bid forms and found everything in order. George's Landscaping has produced reasonable references and has met the bidding and experience requirements. Please advise us of your decision so we may prepare the AIA contract document and schedule the pre-construction meeting.

Warmly,

WIGHT & COMPANY

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patty King". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: Katie Hannigan, Downers Grove Grade School District #58
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