

September 18, 2007

Board of Education
Gadsden Independent School District
PO Drawer 70
Anthony, New Mexico 88021



Bid No. 07-08-07

**Re: Bids Received August 23, 2007
CHS Trades Building Wings Q & R 2007
Chaparral, New Mexico**

Dear Board Members:

On August, 23 2007 a total of three (3) bids were received for the above referenced project as shown on the enclosed bid tabulation sheet. The low bid is from Rayward & Sons, Inc., for a total of \$6,992,934.37 which includes the Base Bid and Alternates #2 and #3. Our selection of the Alternates is based on the following:

Additive Alternate #1(Gravel fire lane)- recommended *rejection* since Alternate #1 and #3 are for the same work and Alternate #3 with its asphalt paving is the best value.

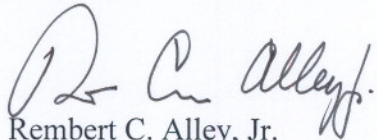
Additive Alternate #2 (Energy Management System Integration) – recommended *acceptance* so mechanical control systems at buildings “Q” and “R” are connected to control systems in existing Chaparral High School.

Additive Alternate #3 (Asphalt paved fire lane)-recommended *acceptance* since the asphalt paved fire lane will also serve as a walkway from the bus drop off to the classroom wings.

Additive Alternate #4 (Television Studio System)- recommended *rejection* since the PSFA considers the equipment included above Adequacy Standards and will not pay 87% of its cost. The system and equipment in this alternate can be added at a later date and possibly modified to reduce cost.

Our recommendation is within the funds available. Rayward & Sons has completed numerous projects for the District, the latest being the Pre-Kindergarten Wing at the District's Administration Building. If you agree with the recommendation for this project, please accept their bid and offer Rayward & Sons a contract. If you have any questions at anytime, please contact me at my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R C Alley, Jr.".

Rembert C. Alley, Jr.
Alley Associates, P.A.

