

**CITY OF GAUTIER
MEMORANDUM**

To: Samantha Abell, City Manager
From: April Havens, Grants & Projects Manager
Through: Chandra Nicholson, Economic Development and Planning Director
Date: December 11, 2015
Subject: Gautier Colored School Rehabilitation Project Bid Review/Consideration

REQUEST:

The Economic Development & Planning Department requests that the City Council reject the bid received and re-advertise/re-bid the Initial Stabilization Phase of the Gautier Colored School Rehabilitation Project.

BACKGROUND:

The Gautier Historic Preservation Committee has recognized the Gautier Colored School for its architectural significance and identified it as an important historic site for rehabilitation and preservation. Ultimately, this structure will be used as a Welcome Center/Visitors' Center and will include an exhibit honoring the former one-room schoolhouse for African-American children.

The City of Gautier received a grant award from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) for \$80,000 in Community Heritage Preservation Grant funding, with a \$20,000 local match requirement to begin the stabilization of the former Gautier Colored School. The City subsequently received a \$50,000 grant award from the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) as part of the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area FY2015 Community Grant program, for a total of \$150,000 in grants and local match funds. The total estimated cost of rehabilitating the school is \$425,000. The first phase of construction will focus on stabilizing the building, and a future phase will focus on restoring the front porch and making accessible and/or repairing existing flooring and walls after foundation repair.

The City had anticipated using the \$50,000 MDMR grant as a match to the next round of MDAH funding, but the City of Gautier did not received additional MDAH funding this year, which was posted last week.

DISCUSSION:

Only one bid was received for the project on October 20, 2015, from David Rush Construction, LLC of Pass Christian, MS. The base bid was \$125,000 and the one alternate was \$45,000. Of the \$150,000 in grant funds, the City has used \$28,000 for design fees, which leaves \$122,000 for construction and construction administration fees.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Economic Development and Planning Department recommends that City Council reject all bids and re-advertise/re-bid the Initial Stabilization Phase of the Gautier Colored School Rehabilitation Project.

The City Council may:

1. Reject all bids and re-advertise; or
2. Accept the lowest bid and award the base bid only for \$125,000; or
3. Accept the lowest bid and award the base bid & the one alternate for \$170,000.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Official Bid Tabulation

Dale Partners Architects, PA
 Project No. 13050

Gautier Old School House Stabilization Plan			BIDS DUE BY: October 20, 2015			
BIDDER	Certificate of Responsibility No	Bid Bond	ADDENDA		Alt #1	Totals
			1	2		
David Rush Construction, LLC 18391 Runnymede Rd Pass Christian, MS 39571 (228) 255-1286	14565-MC	FCCI Insurance	✓	✓	45,000.00	170,000.00

I certify that this is a correct tabulation of all bids received for this Project on the date stated above.

DALE PARTNERS ARCHITECTS, PA


 Certified by: _____

DATE:

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