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Ms. Natalie Rew, Auditor
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
P.O. Box 7841
125 South Webster Street
Madison, WI 53707-7841

RE: Qualified School Construction Bond "QSCB" Allocation

Dear Ms. Rew:

The purpose of this letter is to make a formal application for a \$6,000,000 allocation of Qualified School Construction Bonds. The Mukwonago Area School District appreciates the federal legislation and the support of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in making this interest free (or low interest) bond program available. The District seeks any part of the \$6,000,000 request that is made available to us under the program.

History:

In the summer of 2007, the School Board commissioned *Plunkett Raysich Architects* to perform a comprehensive evaluation of the District's long-term maintenance needs. In November of that year, a completed Facility Study was presented to and approved by the Board of Education. The facility study identified nearly \$16.0 million in maintenance needs for the District. **In April 2007, the citizens of the Mukwonago Area School District approved a \$15.0 million referendum** to address the maintenance needs outlined in the study.

To date, the District has issued \$9.0 million of the \$15.0 million authorized in the April 2007 referendum. Our application to your department is for the remaining \$6.0 million of already approved bonding authority.

Facility Study:

Attached to this letter you will find a summary of the Facility Study by site / priority. Though all the yet to be completed projects outlined in the study are worthy of being included in the application, I have highlighted in green the projects that I feel best meet the goals of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in our application. **Our budget for these projects is \$6,087,109.**

*Corrected
\$3 million (01)
prior to
2/09/09.
\$12,000,000
Balance*

If you would like additional information related to the Facility Study, please visit the District website at www.mukwonago.k12.wi.us and click on *Budget and Finance* then scroll down until you see *Capital Improvement / Maintenance Study*. There you will find an introduction to the study along with narratives by building outlining the District's maintenance needs.

Project(s) Summary:

Due to the wide array of projects involved in the study I have listed a few of the areas included in the application, however I would ask that you review the project listing in detail for a better understanding of the true scope of our request.

- Window Replacement
- Boiler Replacement
- Building Lighting Upgrades
- Fire Alarm Replacement
- Emergency Generator Replacement
- Emergency Lighting Replacement
- Roof Replacement
- Masonry Repair / Tuckpointing
- Water Boiler Replacement
- Water Heater Replacement
- Air Conditioning Upgrades
- Pneumatic / Room Temperature Control Replacement
- Replace Air Handlers

All of the projects included in the application are replacing existing / end of life equipment and meet the objectives of **Green and Healthy Schools & Safe and Healthful Schools**. Though these projects are not glamorous in nature they will go a long way to improve the overall energy efficiency and the safety of the District's facilities.

Summary:

The District's projects are "shovel ready" and will fulfill the intended goal of the ARRA legislation by creating or maintaining jobs on and near the construction worksite. We also feel that our projects meet the longer-term goal of "reinvesting" in our local community by improving the public infrastructure that serves our citizens in an energy-efficient and sustainable manner.

Discussions of project details have been completed by the Board of Education and we are working closely with our financial advisor and bond counsel. We believe we have met the requirements for participation in the Qualified School Construction Bond program and your review of our request for an allocation is appreciated.

In addition to Board of Education approval, the District has hired *VJS Construction* to manage these projects. The Mukwonago Area School District is ready to have projects underway in a matter of weeks from the time the District receives this award from the Department of Public Instruction.

The District is confident that these projects will adhere to the "*Prevailing Wage*" requirements of the Davis-Bacon Act. Every step will be taken by the District and our construction manager to ensure all reporting requirements are met.

On behalf the Mukwonago Area School District Board of Education, I respectfully submit this application for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have related to the information provided or if there are any further steps needed to complete the application process. I can be reached at 262-363-6300 x24102 or via email at clarkda@mukwonago.k12.wi.us .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren P. Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "C".

Darren P. Clark
Director of Business Services

C: Board of Education
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