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RE: QSCB Program

The School District of Wisconsin Dells is very interested in participating in the QSCB Program. The Board of Education has completed the "design development" phase of a potential school construction project, which would result in the construction of a two-story, 8-classroom and 4-bathroom addition to the Spring Hill School, in Wisconsin Dells. The total cost for this project is estimated at \$2.3 million.

The Board of Education is now contemplating whether a November referendum is an advisable next step, given the current financial times. We believe that voters would respond positively, if part of the project could be funded fully or partially with Qualified School Construction Bonds that have a "0" percent interest rate. The District will comply with the Bacon Davis prevailing wage requirements.

Four of the classrooms would provide space for intermediate (grade 3-5) classrooms and the other four classrooms would provide space for primary (4K-2) classrooms. Two of the proposed classrooms would provide space for four-year-old kindergarten, which would allow the District to provide four-year old early childhood students with an opportunity for regular interaction with typically developing four year olds.

I believe that the project fits the criteria to be considered a "Green and Healthy Schools" project for the following reasons:

Energy Conservation:

- Light sensors will be installed on the row of fluorescent fixtures that are closest to the exterior windows. These will turn off those fixtures when enough daylight is present.
- Insulated Low E glass will be installed in all exterior windows. This will lower the solar heat gain factor. Thus allowing the room to stay cooler.
- The cores of the concrete blocks that make up the exterior wall will be insulated, which will increase the R-factor of the exterior wall.

Water Conservation: Fixtures are being installed that will exceed the Energy Policy Act of 1992 flow requirements, low flow fixtures that use less water.

Indoor Air Quality:

- All classroom windows are operable.
- Low VOC paints and adhesives will be used.

Miscellaneous: Contractor is required to have "Waste Management Plan" and provide separate facilities for recycling during construction.

I also believe that the project fits the criteria to be considered a "Safe and Healthful Schools" project because it will include an extension of the school building's digital surveillance system in the addition.

This project amount will definitely necessitate a referendum. I hope that Wisconsin Dells will not be disqualified because it has not yet passed a referendum.

Mike Clark, Robert W. Baird indicated that there would be a 2009 QSCB allocation and a 2010 QSCB allocation. If the School District of Wisconsin Dells were to pass a referendum for this project in November 2009, would it be eligible to receive a QSCB allocation in 2010?

Please contact me with any questions or if you would like additional information about this project.

Sincerely,



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