



Woodbury County Law Enforcement Center Authority

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Re: Press Release – For Immediate Release

As discussed in our meeting last week, the Authority has been assessing and evaluating the ongoing delays and remaining work that needs to be completed on the law enforcement center (LEC) project.

The Authority now believes that, due to events outside of the Authority's control, the LEC will not be substantially complete by the current substantial completion date of April 9. This is due, in part, to additional mechanical work (including but not limited to, additional coils, replacement of certain control valves, and replacement of certain manual balancing valves) that will now have to be completed pertaining to the testing and balancing of the mechanical system. From the Authority's perspective, this additional work is due to the actions, inactions, and errors on the part of the mechanical engineering services provided by Goldberg Group Architects' (Goldberg) engineering consultant, Introba, Inc. (Introba).

Hausmann Construction, Inc. (Hausmann) has proposed certain additional costs and time needed to complete this additional mechanical work. The Authority does not agree with those cost and time estimates and, as such, is issuing construction change directives (including CCD 10R and CCD 11) so that Hausmann can commence and complete this additional work without further delay. Instead, from the Authority's perspective and with the information currently known to us, a realistic estimated substantial completion date of the LEC is now mid-May of 2024. The Authority will continue to press on the construction and design parties to complete the LEC without further delay and will continue to provide updates to the public regarding the status of the project.

Also, the public should be aware that, in light of the continued delays from the design team in regard to the mechanical system and the Authority's lack of confidence in Introba, in January of 2024, the Authority felt compelled to retain its own MEP engineer, Resource Consulting Engineers, LLC, to provide input regarding the mechanical system issues.

The Authority and its counsel continue to assess the additional costs and damages on the Project caused by the delay relating to the aforementioned mechanical system issues stemming from Goldberg's engineering consultant, Introba, as well as other concurrent delays by Hausmann. The Authority will hold the responsible parties liable for such additional costs and damages.

Finally, last week, there was a report of a burst water pipe. That report was inaccurate, as there was no burst pipe. Instead, there was a leak in a threaded joint on the bottom of a flush valve. We are investigating this further, but at present, the Authority believes the water damage is relatively minor.