



April 19, 2023

The Darlington County School District, in accordance with Darlington County Procurement Code, Section 11-35-1560 and regulation 19-445.2105, advertised in SCBO (South Carolina Business Official) and provided public notice of the Intent to Sole Source a contract for Architectural - Engineering Services for the District's New Elementary School construction to Jumper Carter Sease Architects, P.A.

The Intent to Sole Source this contract is made on the basis that the new school will be utilizing the same design as a school recently built by the district. Jumper Carter Sease Architects, P.A. was retained for A & E Services for that facility and they own the existing copyrighted designs. In order to reuse the copyrighted school designs the District must utilize Jumper Carter Sease Architects, P.A. for this service. Jumper Carter Sease Architects, P.A. developed the drawings, documents, and specifications and has assumed the liability of the structure and the integrity of the designs. It would be unreasonable and unrealistic for any other firm to assume the liability of another firm's existing A & E designs. This was confirmed via discussion with the State Department Procurement Office. Additionally, DCSD recently solicited for Architectural and Engineering Services and Jumper Carter Sease Architects, P.A. was one of the awardees.

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