



Township Council  
 1 Municipal Plaza  
 Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Louise M. Palagano  
 Municipal Clerk

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Meeting: 03/27/17 07:00 PM

**2017 RESOLUTION AWARD OF CONTRACT**

**AWARD OF CONTRACT - MUNICIPAL COURT RENOVATIONS**

WHEREAS, after the required legal advertising was published, sealed bids were received in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, Bloomfield, New Jersey on March 2, 2017 by the Purchasing Committee of the Township of Bloomfield in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq., "Local Public Contracts Law" for the Municipal Court Office Renovations; and

WHEREAS, a total of seven (7) bids were received and were referred to the Township Engineer for review; and

WHEREAS, identical bid prices were received by the following two bidders in the amount of \$675,000.00 which was the low bid price:

1. AB Designs Construction Corp.  
 P.O. Box 95  
 Summit, NJ 07902
2. TNS Construction, LLC  
 1294 Waterloo road  
 Stanhope, NJ 07874; and

WHEREAS, in accordance to NJSA 40A:11-6.1(d), whenever two or more responses to a request of a contracting agent offer equal prices and are the lowest responsible bids or proposals, the contracting unit may award the contract to the vendor whose response, in the discretion of the contracting unit, is the most advantageous, price and other factors considered. In such cases, the award resolution or purchase order documentation shall explain why the vendor selected is the most advantageous; and

WHEREAS, based upon NJSA 40A:11-6.1(d), the Township Engineer recommends that

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE  
 ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

DIRECTOR OF LAW-TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

the bid be awarded to AB Designs Construction Corp., P.O. Box 95, Summit, NJ 07902 in the amount of \$675,000.00 based upon the following findings:

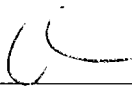
1. In accordance to the findings of the consulting architect for this project, TNS Construction is a relatively new company, being formed approximately two years ago. Furthermore, TNS Construction has not served as a general contractor on any projects to date. They participated in projects as a sub-contractor and were therefore not involved in any project in its entirety. AB Designs Construction, however, has served as the general contractor on all listed projects and therefore are more qualified to perform the work related to the Municipal Court Renovations.
2. AB Design Construction provided past work for projects at or above the estimated cost of the Municipal Court Renovations, with their largest project being \$5 million. The largest project that TNS Construction participated in had a value of \$150,000.00, which is far below the costs associated with the Municipal Court Project. Based upon experience with projects of a scope similar or larger than the Bloomfield Municipal Court, AB Design Construction Corporation is more qualified to perform the work.
3. The Bloomfield Municipal Court Renovations will involve several different construction trade categories including metalwork, plumbing, HVAC and electrical work. TNS Construction confirmed that they have no direct experience with these trades. AB Design Group, however has worked within all of these trades on past projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Finance has indicated that funding is available within Township Capital Account No. C-04-55-713-947.

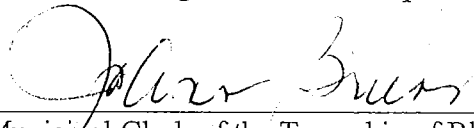
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey hereby accepts the recommendation of the Township Engineer and he may enter into a contract for the above work with AB Designs Construction Corp., P.O. Box 95, Summit, NJ 07902 in the amount of \$675,000.00.

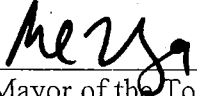
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I do hereby certify that the funding will be legally appropriated per the above information for the purpose specified in the attached contract. Furthermore, it has been represented to me that the contracts have been processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of New Jersey Local Public Contract Law and the Code of the Township of Bloomfield.

  
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 Chief Financial Officer

I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on March 27, 2017.

  
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 ACTING Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

  
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 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

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