



TOWN OF NATICK MASSACHUSETTS

TO: Natick Board of Selectmen
Melissa Malone, Town Administrator
William Chenard, Deputy Town Administrator - Operations
Chief James Hicks, Natick Police Department
John Gadson, Director, Natick Facilities Department

FROM: Bryan R. Le Blanc, Procurement Officer

DATE: March 24, 2020

SUBJECT: CONTRACT AWARD
Design/Engineering Services/Natick Firing Range

Informal, non-written pricing by the Town reveals that Tecton Architects, P.C., is the ideally competitive firm to perform design/engineering services for the replacement of the firing range at the Natick Police Station.

State statute exempts the procurement of these types of engineering services from the Uniform Procurement Act, M.G.L. c. 30B. See M.G.L. c. 30B, §1(b) (32A), which exempts the services of architects, engineers, and related professionals. (Parenthetically, the Designer Selection Law, M.G.L. c. 7C, §§44 *et seq.*, does not apply, since the design cost does not exceed \$30,000.00. The Designer Selection Law only applies where design costs for a construction project are greater than or equal to \$30,000.00, and where construction costs are greater than or equal to \$300,000.00). Essentially, therefore, there is no statutorily-prescribed procurement process that would govern.

Tecton Architects, P.C. is a responsible and responsive firm and has offered what Chief Hicks and Mr. Gadson consider to be a reasonable sum for the purposes.

We respectfully request that Natick Board of Selectmen award Tecton Architects, P.C., a contract, in the form of the attached, to perform the services outlined in Attachment A1 to the Contract, at the hourly rates for a sum not to exceed \$26,600.00 for such services, plus expenses as outlined therein.

The funding to cover this comes from the following sources:

Town Capital Appropriation - 2019 FATM - Firearm Range Renovation (\$26,600.00)