

January 10, 2023

Ms. Takiyah Douse, City Administrator  
Augusta Richmond County  
535 Telfair Street, Suite 910  
Augusta, GA 30901

RE: Golden Harvest Food Bank – Produce Rescue Center (Fresh Warehouse)

Dear Ms. Douse,

On November 29, 2022 bids were received by Augusta Housing and Community Development for construction of the Produce Rescue Center (formerly known as Fresh Warehouse) at Golden Harvest Food Bank on Commerce Drive in Augusta.

Three bids were received, and all bidders were qualified. The low bid was \$7,360,000, and was submitted by RW Allen Construction of Augusta, GA.

All bids were over the project budget, and the Owner directed my company to negotiate with RW Allen. Over a period of several weeks, we identified a number of cost saving items that brought the cost down to a level the Owner found acceptable.

It is our recommendation that Golden Harvest contract with RW Allen for the amount of \$5,586,098.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Richard M. Fletcher, AIA, NCARB