



Swansboro Fire Department

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Mr. Barlow,

Following the completion of the in-person interviews on Monday, May 4th, I recommend selecting MBP to provide Project Management Services for the Town of Swansboro Emergency Operations Center/Public Safety Building Project.

Overall, both firms interviewed were qualified and comparable in many aspects. However, the MBP group distinguished itself through a more in-depth, team-oriented approach, with a clear understanding of the project's technical and operational importance. Their presentation demonstrated not only knowledge of the project management process itself, but also a genuine commitment to working alongside the Town throughout each phase of development.

MBP provided strong insight into the overall process, the key personnel involved, project coordination expectations, and the importance of maintaining forward momentum while ensuring accountability and fiscal responsibility. Their team conveyed a professional yet personable approach that gave confidence they would serve as an advocate for the Town throughout what will likely be one of the largest and most significant capital projects in the Town's history.

An additional strength identified during the interview process was MBP's previous working relationship and project experience with our selected design-build firm, Bobbitt. Their familiarity with Bobbitt's processes, communication style, and project delivery approach provides added confidence in the ability to establish a cohesive working relationship early in the project. That existing professional experience should help streamline coordination, reduce potential communication gaps, and assist with maintaining project momentum while still ensuring the Town's interests remain represented and protected throughout the process.

Equally important, MBP appeared to understand that this project is more than simply constructing a building. The project represents long-term operational readiness, public safety coordination, future growth, and the Town's continued investment in serving the community effectively for years to come. Their engagement during the interview process reflected an understanding of the importance of getting the project right the first time while preparing for the future needs of both the Town and its public safety agencies.

Based on the overall interview process, project understanding, communication style, and demonstrated commitment to partnership and accountability, I respectfully recommend MBP for selection as the Project Management Services provider for this project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JR", is written over the word "Respectfully,".

Jacob Randall
Fire Chief