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TFLS-G2201 November 14, 2022

Charles Terefenko, Borough Administrator Borough of Tinton Falls 556 Tinton Avenue Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

Re: **Borough Hall Boiler Replacement Recommendation of Emergency Award**

Dear Mr. Terefenko:

The Borough Hall building complex is currently served by two boilers in the basement that provide heat to the building. One of the two boilers recently stopped working and is unable to be repaired due to its age. Although the second boiler is currently working, it has also reached the end of its useful life period and could become inoperable at any moment. Should this happen, Borough Hall would have no source of heat for its employees, the Police Department, the Court, and its visitors. Due to low temperatures, Borough Hall may need to close for an extended period of time if the boilers are not working properly and heat cannot be provided.

As Borough Hall is considered a critical facility that cannot be closed for an extended period of time, I do not believe there is sufficient time to follow the standard public bidding procedures. It is my recommendation that this be considered an emergency and that the Borough have the boiler replaced as soon as possible.

The Department of Public Works has solicited multiple quotes for the boiler replacement project. The following is a list of the bidders and their respective bids:

<u>Bidder</u>	Proposal
Miller & Chitty Co., Inc.	\$132,000.00
Hutchins HVAC, Inc.	\$167,460.00

The low bidder is Miller & Chitty Co., Inc., 135-139 Market Street, PO Box 256, Kenilworth, NJ 07033. Miller & Chitty is a responsible bidder in which T&M has satisfactory past experience on jobs of similar scope. It is our understanding that the Borough has adequate funds in place to award the project. I therefore recommend award of the contract to Miller & Chitty Co., Inc. in the amount of \$132,000.00.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call.

Very truly yours,

T&M ASSOCIATES

THOMAS P. NEFF, P.E., P.P., C.M.E. TINTON FALLS BOROUGH ENGINEER

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