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BWC # 482-0801

May 11, 2009

Decatur Public Library  
Lee Ann Fisher, City Librarian  
130 N. Franklin Street  
Decatur, IL 62523-1327

RE: DECATUR PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Library Annex Remodel: Local History Center  
STATUS REPORT

Dear Lee Ann:

Since we are about to submit to the city for plan check examination, I am enclosing plans for your own review. I also want to go over the status of the project. The plans will be in city review for approximately two weeks. We will be working on the bid package during this time. It looks like the plans can go out to bid around May 21st-26<sup>th</sup>. Construction would probably start around the end of June. It's a later start date than originally planned, but the delay is a result of important changes in the scope of the project.

As well as the start-of-construction date being affected by changes to the plans, the construction budget has also changed. We consider the construction budget to be that which is outlined in the Preliminary Opinion of Probable Cost dated 11/19/08. The addition of the Main Corridor to the Local History Areas adds at least \$38,000 to the construction budget; plus A&E fees for the additional services, which are about \$8,000. In addition to this change, we have the new boiler work. I previously spoke to you about that and estimated that it would cost about \$50,000 for the new boiler system. This system includes three boilers, boiler pumps, related pumping systems, expansion tank, air separator, chemical feed, intakes, loops, etc. The additional services to analyze, design, draw, and specify this new system took our mechanical and electrical engineers over forty hours. This adds \$3900 to the cost of the project. These combined items add approximately \$99,900 to the budget for this project.

However, because of this year's economic situation, it appears that there will not be the estimated 5%



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Even though there are some large costs associated with these two changes, it is better that we have addressed these in the planning stages. They are always easier and less costly to deal prior to the construction phase. I look forward to obtaining the actual bids. I feel confident that these current economic conditions will be advantageous to the overall success of the project.

Very truly yours,  
BLANK, WESSELINK, COOK & ASSOCIATES, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elayna L. Sadorus', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Elayna L. Sadorus, AIA