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CONSTRUCTION MANAGER MOVING PRISON PROJECT FORWARD

Uniontown, PA – Fayette County commissioners voted last month to finalize a construction management services contract with SiteLogIQ of Oakmont for the ongoing prison project.

The firm was unanimously selected as the presumptive contractor following a nearly month-long interview process of five prospective construction management firms, which took place before the COVID-19 pandemic stymied operations worldwide.

While regular virtual meetings between team members meant the prison project's progress was largely unaffected by the pandemic, SiteLogIQ's official hiring has only expedited the process.

SiteLogIQ Director of Business Development Scott Palmquist said his team has been "chasing this project for a long time" and they're excited to "be at the table."

"This is right in our wheelhouse. We're excellent cost estimators and project managers, and we're up for the challenge," Palmquist said. "We'll work with the commissioners and the architectural firm to make sure the taxpayers' money is well spent while achieving the county's goals for a new prison."

Formerly known as Reynolds Construction, SiteLogIQ has managed more than \$5 billion in construction projects. They've worked with the prison project's architectural firm, L.R. Kimball, on multiple occasions, Palmquist added.

Their recent prison experience includes sites across Pennsylvania, such as Center County Correctional Facility, Columbia County Prison, Montgomery County Correctional Facility, Adams County Adult Correctional Facility, Cambria County Prison, Carbon County Prison, Dauphin County Work Release Center and the Indiana County Jail.

Since joining the team, SiteLogIQ has helped the county select what they hope will be the final prison layout. As a result, Kimball has now entered into the utilities layout portion of the ongoing Schematic Design Phase.

Palmquist said all involved with the prison project will need to be both "very creative" and "very realistic" in bringing it to fruition.

"We're going to combine Kimball's talents with our skills to give the county what they're looking for - on budget and on time," Palmquist said.

Of SiteLogIQ's hiring, Commissioner Chairman Dave Lohr said he was looking for a construction management company with "knowledgeable, qualified personnel who would provide the checks and balances" to meet the county's needs and "keep the job in check."

“Ultimately, I am looking for the construction manager to keep costs down and get the job done,” Lohr said. “I hope this process continues picking up momentum.”

Commissioner Scott Dunn said SiteLogIQ’s role will evolve throughout the life of the project, with Palmquist’s team serving different purposes for each of the design, documentation, bidding and on-site management phases.

“The firm represents the county in every aspect of the project, providing much-needed expertise,” Dunn said. “SiteLogIQ is very good in the design and documentation phases of this project. These are areas where final construction costs can be cut and project savings can be realized.”

Commissioner Vince Vicites said the “long and thorough” interview process was necessary when selecting a construction manager, because the decision would have a “major impact” on the prison project.

“The construction manager reviews all of the architectural plans and makes sure the project is cost-effective and complies with all federal and state regulations,” Vicites said. “We’re moving forward and working to develop a final design document later this year. Our goal is to build the new Fayette County Prison responsibly, with the taxpayers in mind.”

For more information about SiteLogIQ, visit www.SiteLogIQ.com.

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