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Michael J. Falls  
Director of Business and Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: BOE/Kelli Yacavone, District Clerk  
From: Michael J. Falls, Director of Business and Finance  
Re: Approval of Asbestos Contractor as per RFP  
Date: August 8, 2013

On August 6, 2013, Homer Central School district issued an RFP for Immediate Asbestos Abatement as set forth by New York State Labor Law. In the RFP, the Scope of the work to be competed was listed as follows

SCOPE OF WORK

- The quantities listed in the tables are for informational purposes ONLY. The contractor shall be responsible for ALL asbestos containing materials within the work areas.
- Work areas are as follows:
  - HS Girls Locker Room – Involves the abatement of asbestos containing debris, ceiling tiles, and loose plaster ceiling system.
  - HS Room 43– Involves the abatement of asbestos containing debris, ceiling tiles, and loose plaster ceiling system.
- The work shall be completed in one phase within the following schedule:
  - Work Area #1 Completed in 7 working days.
  - Work Area #2 Completed concurrently with Work Area 1.

Bid quotes for the job were requested from the following companies:

	<b>Final Bid</b>
<b>Summit Environmental Services</b>	<b><u>\$72,750.00</u></b>
<b>Abscope Environmental, Inc.</b>	<b>No Bid Submitted</b>
<b>Sunstream</b>	<b>No Bid Submitted</b>
<b>JAG Environmental</b>	<b><u>\$ 34,850.00</u></b>
<b>Action Cleaners</b>	<b>No Bid Submitted</b>
<b>Sullivan Contracting</b>	<b>No Bid Submitted</b>

I respectfully recommend that the BOE selects **JAG Environmental** to complete the work proposed in the RFP based on their pricing and availability to do the work in a timely manner.

## **NOTICE OF ASBESTOS ABATEMENT PROJECT**

In accordance with Industrial Code Rule 563.4B, this notice serves to inform building occupants, visitors, contractors, and all other persons that asbestos abatement work is scheduled to be conducted at this facility, as described below.

### **LOCATION OF PROJECT:**

#### **Homer High School**

80 South West Rd  
Homer, NY 13077

### **DESCRIPTION OF WORK:**

2,500 sq ft of plaster debris & drop ceiling

### **PROPOSED START DATE:**

August 12, 2013 -Work will begin after BOE Approval of Contractor  
on 8/13/2013.

### **ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE:**

August 28, 2013

**ASBESTOS ABATEMENT CONTRACTOR:** Pending BOE Approval on 8/13/2013.

#### **Jag Environmental, LLC**

6189 East Taft Rd.  
North Syracuse, NY 13212  
Asbestos Handling License #29632

### **AIR MONITORING/TESTING LABORATORY**

#### **PROJECT MONITOR/AIR SAMPLING:**

#### **Microbac**

License#: 38092

### **ANALYSIS:**

#### **Microbac**

ELAP#: 10795

*This notice shall remain posted until completion of the project.*

## High School Asbestos Abatement Project

***Q: Has my health been affected, have I been exposed?***

A: The majority of asbestos containing plaster in the building was removed years ago. The small quantity that wasn't or couldn't be removed is located on the original ceiling or high part of the walls above the drop ceiling. The plaster was encapsulated and sealed in place after the original abatement project. Generally the encapsulant has held up well and any residual material has remained in-place. The EPA states that asbestos-containing material in good condition is not a health hazard and can be maintained in-place.

***Q: Why complete the work now?***

A: During the recent Triennial asbestos reinspection, we have discovered two areas where we have had small amounts of plaster delaminate from the ceiling due to water penetration or vibration due to the proximity of the Gymnasium. During the inspection a small amount of plaster debris was observed above the drop ceiling in the plenum space above the Girl's Locker Room and Room 43. The plenum spaces are unoccupied spaces and have remained static over time. The material has not entered the room below. However, it is standard precaution today to have such debris removed by a licensed abatement contractor.

***Q: Will it be safe when the work is done?***

A: The abatement will be done according to State and Federal rules governing asbestos removal and clean-up. Work area controls to prevent the release of any asbestos dusts will be implemented during the project. Additionally, air samples will be taken after the completion of the work and analyzed by an independent laboratory under a high power Transmission Electron Microscope. The areas will be returned to the district and subsequently reoccupied only after clearance air sample results are received.

***Q: Why were these two rooms the only rooms selected to have work done?***

A: Where asbestos-containing materials are in good condition they are safe to maintain in-place. Recent inspections have discovered some minor damage to the plaster in the Girl's Locker Room and Room 43. It appears that vibration from the Gym, water damage or other forces have caused small amounts of material to be dislodged in these two areas.

***Q: When will these two areas be accessible again?***

A: The current schedule shows both areas being re-opened to building occupants by Tue September 3rd.