



Construction Management Division

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Mr. Adolfo Cotilla,
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Re: Main Jail Window Replacement Project
Evaluation of Cell Window Replacement
Response Letter

Adolfo,

In response to ACAI's letter dated November 15, 2016, pertaining to our request to provide the County with a recommendation and best solution to the problem of replacing the existing main jail windows. ACAI has produced what is labeled a 75% construction document drawing submittal, albeit a lot of work has been produced, the documents have failed to address the appropriate cell window product for our main jail building.

We recognize that the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), required replacement of existing "angled" cell windows with a similar type product, but we expect ACAI to bring their expertise and qualifications to make the best recommendation to the County. The ACAI submittal specifies a product that does not meet the necessary testing requirements, cannot be readily produced by any manufacturer, and cannot be installed as designed. Needless to say, our project schedule has been negatively affected by these deficiencies.

After extensive research by the project team, including ACAI, D. Stephenson (Managing General Contractor) and Construction Management, enough evidence has come to light that to replace the existing windows with new angled windows is impractical and cost prohibitive. We remind you it is incumbent on your office to advise the Contract Administrator, if the project scope, budget or schedule are not achievable (Exhibit "A" Scope of Services, section 3.) Construction Management Division has reached out to BSO and asked them to re-address their program requirement and after much deliberation, they have arrived to the same conclusion: angled windows are not the practical solution for our building.

In light of the overall project developments, we direct ACAI to produce a proper evaluation and recommendation on how to proceed with for the successful completion of this project. We direct ACAI to provide the appropriate expertise either in the form of in-house staff or a sub-consultant, as required by the RFP, to guide us through our quest to provide the most efficient and up to date design for detention center windows, within an accurately estimated budget.

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Do not hesitate in contacting us with any questions on the matter.

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