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RE: Request for CDBG Contract Amendments

This is a request for an extension of time on our CDBG contract and a reduction in the number of employees employed in the business park. As we have previously discussed, the Village Planner, Vierbicher, at the time of the contract creation had three companies who were interested in the business park estimating they would provide twenty-eight jobs combined. These companies did not complete their plans and have not moved to the park. Currently we find that the company that is currently interested in the park might be able to provide three - five low to moderate income jobs.

The current contract is due January 2016, and the Village is requesting an extension of time of three years and a reduction in the number of jobs to five.

We met with you on July 14th to discuss both the deadline and employee base issues providing you with up to date happenings and what we have done to market the park since its inception. We have also provided you with the data from Vierbicher on the calculations used to determine the unsustainable twenty-eight employee base. In these difficult economic times, recruitment takes more time especially for a small community. We hired a broker the first part of this year and we continue to work hard to accomplish our goals of filling the park.

Please respond by Sept 11th so we can continue discussion with the current client and make a viable offer based on contract amendment approval.

Our success is dependent on our amendment requests being approved. Our success is your success for Dane County growth and development outside of Madison.

Thank You.

Pat Hawkey,

Village President

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