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Consent Agenda Item (Action Item): Consider/Approve awarding the Special Inspections and Construction Materials Testing services for the Floyd Central High School Baseball/Softball Field Project to Solid Ground for a lump sum fee of **$39,500.00**.

Applicable State or Regulations: 702 KAR 4:160 – Capital Construction Process and applicable Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) requirements and Board policies and procedures.

Fiscal/Budgetary Impact: The total cost for Special Inspections and Construction Materials Testing services is **$39,500.00**. Funding will be provided from available project contingency funds allocated for the Floyd Central High School Baseball/Softball Field Project.

History/Background: Floyd County Schools is proceeding with the Floyd Central High School Baseball/Softball Field Project, which includes improvements to the baseball and softball facilities. As part of the project, Special Inspections and Construction Materials Testing services are required to ensure that construction materials and work meet applicable project specifications, building codes, and regulatory requirements.

Proposals were received from three firms for these services. Solid Ground submitted a lump sum fee of $39,500.00, S&ME submitted a not-to-exceed fee of $125,000.00, and UES submitted a not-to-exceed fee of $108,239.50.

After reviewing the proposed fees, personnel, and scope of services, Solid Ground was identified as the lowest-cost provider. Solid Ground's proposal provides the required services at a substantially lower cost than the other proposals received. Solid Ground requires a minimum of 24 hours' notice when services are needed.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Floyd County Board of Education approve awarding the Special Inspections and Construction Materials Testing services for the Floyd Central High School Baseball/Softball Field Project to **Solid Ground for a lump sum fee of $39,500.00**, as the lowest-cost proposal received and based on the evaluation of the proposed fee, personnel, and scope of work.

Kevin O'Quinn — Director

Tonya H. Williams — Superintendent

Date: October 9, 2026

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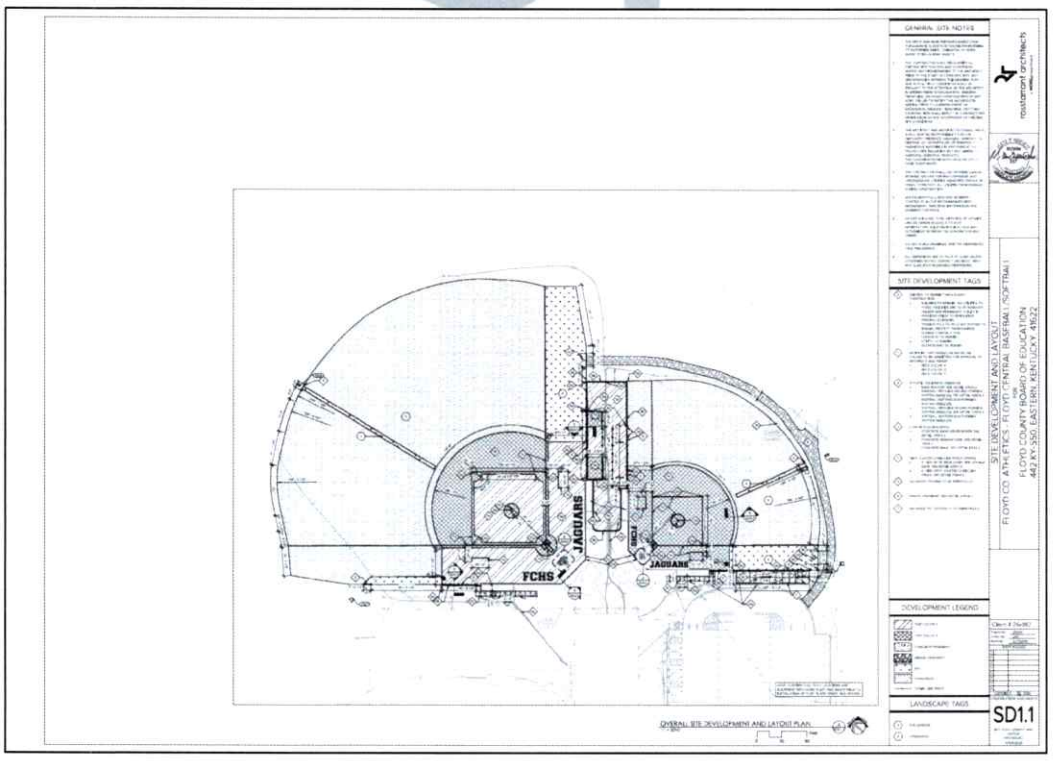
October 7, 2026

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Subject: **Proposal for Special Inspections and Materials Testing**
Floyd County High School Baseball & Softball Improvements
Eastern, Kentucky
Solid Ground Proposal No. 121226

Solid Ground Consulting Engineers, PLLC (Solid Ground) is pleased to provide you with this proposal for Special Inspections Services and Materials Testing for the proposed FCHS Baseball & Softball Improvements project located at 651 KY-680 in Eastern, KY 41622. This proposal details project information, proposed scope of services, schedule and estimated cost.

We understand that this project consists of replacing the existing baseball and softball fields with synthetic turf as well as supporting construction of new concrete sidewalks, bullpens, and drainage improvements to the existing outfields of both fields. At the time of this proposal, Solid Ground had been provided with the RFP developed by Ross Tarrant Architects.



Scope of Services

Based on the project plans, the following service will be performed:

Soils

- Observe backfilling of excavations necessary to remove existing greenhouse structure.
- Observe fill operations and perform density testing of fill materials.
- Observe materials below shallow foundations to verify foundation bearing is in accordance with plans and specifications.

Concrete

- Verify use of the required design mix.
- Observe reinforcing steel, as well as anchor bolts, during foundations, slab-on-grade, and slab-on-deck construction.
- Placement of cast in place bolts or other embedded anchors prior to and during concrete placement.
- Sample and perform tests on plastic concrete in the field which includes slump, air content, temperature, and other tests required by the project specifications.
- Review of placement and curing techniques of fresh concrete.
- Make 4 by 8-inch concrete cylinder specimens for compressive strength testing.
- Hydrate, test, and report concrete cylinder test specimens as required by the specifications.

Wood Construction

- Perform field observations to verify the structural wood for compliance with the approved plan documents.
- Perform field observations of connections required for compliance to the plans.

Site Related Testing

- Utility trench backfill, as requested by the RFP and Project Specifications
- Site Work specifications reference Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, latest edition (KDOT Specs) for earthwork and concrete placement.
- Sythetic turf field drainage stone and capstone gradation tests.
- Observations for sub-drainage for turf sub-drainage systems.

Turf Testing

- Thickness & Width of Ribbon-Micron – ASTM D 418
- Fiber Construction: Primary Backing, Secondary Backing, Face Weight, Pile Weight & Total Weight – ASTM D 418, & ASTM D58483
- Tufting Gauge
- Pile Height – ASTM D 418
- Resistance to Pullout (Tuft Bind) – ASTM D 1335 & ASTM F 1551
- Grab Tear Strength – ASTM D 5034
- Abrasive Index – ASTM F1015

- A minimum of 12 locations (6 for each field) are to have G-Max tests performed for thecompleted field system to verify the shock attenuation properties of the completed system – ASTM 355, 1936 method.
- A minimum of 32 (16 for the existing capstone drainage base, 16 on the finished turf system divided equally between fields) infiltration rate tests on site. BSI 7044 Method 4, ASTM 355, 1936 method.
- A minimum of 12 infill composition tests (6 for each field) to verify composition of infill installed on the field.
- A minimum of 40 infill depth tests (20 for each field) spaced out equally across the field to evaluate the installed infill depth.
- Advanced Artificial Athlete Testing at a minimum of 6 locations on the field.

Exclusions

- Wind or Seismic inspections.
- Inspections of steel fabricators.

Schedule

We require a 24-hour notice prior to providing on-call personnel to enable us to schedule the work efficiently.

Compensation

According to the schedule provided, we are **providing a LUMP SUM Fee of $39,500.00.**

Authorization

Please sign the attached Proposal Acceptance Sheet and return one complete original of the proposal to us. This will act as authorization to proceed.

Payment Terms

The client understands that we will be compensated for performing the services in accordance with the scope of work detailed in this proposal. The client agrees to pay all charges not in dispute within 30 days of receipt of the invoice and recognizes that charges not paid within 30 days are subject to a late payment charge of 1.5 percent. The Client shall provide notification within 10 days of receipt of the invoice should the invoice contain charges the Client intends to dispute.

Proposal Acceptance

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our consulting services to you. We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions, we would be glad to address them. If this proposal is acceptable as written, please have the person responsible for payment sign one copy and return it to our office. That will be our indication to begin work. Once again, thank you for considering our firm for this project.

SOLID GROUND CONSULTING ENGINEERS, PLLC

SIGNATURE:

PRINTED NAME & TITLE: Emily Kerns, Staff Engineer

DATE: October 7, 2026

CLIENT or CLIET REP: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME & TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

Please submit one copy to Solid Ground Consulting Engineers, PLLC by email correspondence or mail.

BILL TO (If different from Client or Client Rep)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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MEMORANDUM

October 8, 2026

TO: Kevin O'Quinn – Floyd County Board of Education

FROM: Kevin McCalla

RE: Floyd Central High School Baseball and Softball Infield Conversion
Eastern, KY
RTA 26004

RTA has sent SPIN proposals to Solid Ground, S&ME, Terracon and UES. RTA has received and reviewed the SPIN proposals in summary:

Company	Notice for site work	Total
Solid Ground	24 Hour	$39,500
S&ME	24 Hour	$125,000.00
UES	24 Hour	$108,239.50

Solid Ground

Solid Ground presented a lump sum fee of $39,500 for the project. A minimum of 24-hour notice must be provided to Solid Ground when services are needed.

S&ME

S&ME presented a not-to-exceed fee of $125,000.00 for the project. A minimum of 24-hour notice must be provided to UES when services are needed.

UES

UES presented a not-to-exceed fee of $108,239.50 for the project. A minimum of 24-hour notice must be provided to UES when services are needed.

Conclusion

Based on the cost, personnel proposed, and the scope of work to be performed, we are recommending that **Solid Ground** be awarded the Special Inspections and Construction Materials Testing. If you have any questions, please let us know.

END OF MEMORANDUM

Sincerely,

Kevin McCalla

Enclosures

c: Kevin McCalla
Michael Hughes
Sarah Lamere
File 26004-1A
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