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Re: University of South Carolina state project # H27-6068-MJ-A
Farmer's Market Development Construction – Demolition Work

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the University of South Carolina recently contracted with NEO Corporation for hazardous material removal and building demolition at the old state Farmer's Market property located at 1001 Bluff Road, Columbia, SC, across from Williams-Brice football stadium. This project was bid via advertisement in South Carolina Business Opportunities and NEO Corporation was the low bidder. This work consisted of constant coordination with University of South Carolina hazmat personnel, South Carolina DHEC, the City of Columbia, University of South Carolina facilities personnel and the University of South Carolina Athletics Department. NEO Corporation exceeded our expectations on every level of this job. They were knowledgeable and professional in their dealings with DHEC, providing all paperwork required for hazardous substance removal and building demolition. They were courteous in their dealings with all USC staff and met an extremely tight time schedule to clear this property for football game day parking in September of 2011. This project involved the demolition of around 13 total building structures, many of which had been present on the site since 1951 and which had been added onto and/or modified in a variety of ways. It also involved removal of miscellaneous slabs, vaults, meters, etc. which had been left on this 52-acre property from previous demolition and/or were discovered during the scope of the work. It was critical to the University that this project be completed on time so that revenue from 2011 parking could be obtained and so that the site was ready for a large construction project that is to be completed by fall of 2012. NEO met the schedule as required. Recently, an Athletics Department supporter remarked that he could not believe that the site had been cleared as quickly as it had – yet another testament to the great job done by NEO. I would definitely recommend them for future work. If anyone would like to reach me for further comments, please feel free to do so via the information below my signature.

Sincerely,

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