

October 18, 2017

SENT VIA U. S. MAIL AND EMAIL

Mr. Jim Owczarski
Milwaukee City Clerk
200 E Wells St., Suite 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Clerk Owczarski:

Please accept this letter of interest for the property located at 4310 North 16th Street, the former Philipp Elementary School, closed in 2007, as an eligible school building.

In accordance with Wisconsin Statute 119.61(1)(b)1 an:

“Eligible school building” means a school building in the school district operating under this chapter that satisfies any of the following:

1. The school building has been designated as surplus, underutilized, or vacant on any resolution adopted within the previous 5 years by the board, and the board is unable to demonstrate that the school building is no longer surplus, underutilized, or vacant.
2. The school building has been unused or satisfies any condition qualifying the building as an underutilized school building for a period of 12 consecutive months, including the 12 months preceding July 14, 2015.

Founded in 1996, the Milwaukee Teacher Education Center (MTEC) is a not-for-profit (Wisconsin Statute 119.61(1)(a)4), results-oriented, teacher certification and professional development center designed to recruit, support, and retain teachers and school leaders in urban settings.

In 2011, the MTEC Board of Directors commissioned a team of accomplished former principals and staff members to design an innovative charter school proposal. The resulting school, Milwaukee Environmental Sciences Academy (MESA), a MTEC Charter School, emerged formally in 2013. Serving over 400 students in grades K4 to 8, MESA is currently authorized by Milwaukee Public Schools as a non-instrumentality charter school (Wisconsin Statute 119.61(1)(a)1; 119.61(1)(a)3).

MTEC supports children in their learning by offering educators certification programs, customized professional development workshops and elbow-to-elbow instructional coaching which focuses upon increasing learning and closing achievement gaps.

Milwaukee Teacher Education Center (MTEC), a Milwaukee-based, not for profit 501(c)(3) organization, serves as the governing body or parent organization for the Milwaukee Environmental Sciences Academy(MESA). MTEC oversees the operation of MESA and is a registered not for profit,

education operator under Federal Employer Identification Number 39-1865501. Additionally, MTEC is governed by a privately appointed Board of Directors (Wisconsin Statute 119.61(1)(a)5) that provides guidance and oversight to the MTEC Executive Director, MESA policies, programs and the overall organization.

Please note, we stand ready to submit additional information upon request following the acceptance of the letter of intent. As a point for reference, my contract information is listed below.

Please contact me at:

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Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laci Coppins Robbins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Laci Coppins Robbins, Ed.D.
Executive Director

CC: Rhonda Szallai, DCD- Real Estate