

Huxtable & Associates, Inc.

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City Commissioners City of Lawrence, Kansas 6 East 6th Street PO Box 708 Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: Huxtable & Associates, Inc. Expansion

815 East 12th Street Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Commissioners:

We appreciate your consideration of the proposed expansion of our 12th Street operation to accommodate our future increased work load. Huxtable & Associates has had a long history in the Lawrence community of providing opportunities for a highly skilled workforce and we look forward to continuing the close association we have developed with this community and our neighborhood.

The increase in workload and revenues expected will generate eight new office positions including detailers, project managers and estimators at the facility and 15-20 construction field positions. The new positions will have a salary range of \$40-60,000 per year.

In 1995 the facility was expanded to increase the size of office spaces. The improvements for the proposed expansion will remove the modular building and increase the size to the existing buildings. The expansion will provide a 1,920 square foot addition to the east end of the pipe fabrication shop and a 5,760 square foot addition to the north end of the metal fabrication shop. The addition to the fabrication shop will create additional warehouse space and a second floor for offices.

In order to accommodate our growth, we are requesting the vacation of a portion of Oregon Street to construct a parking lot. We are also requesting that the city provide the street improvements to the 12th and Oregon Street intersection. As a benefit to the city and to continue our support of the neighborhood, we propose creating a recreational path adjacent to the property and allowing public access to the new parking lot to use the recreational path. In January of this year, we met with the East Lawrence Neighborhood Association to share our proposed plans and facility needs. We received the association's approval and support to move forward with the project as presented to you.

We thank you for your consideration and the support that you have always shown toward local businesses to create new opportunities and to provide a better quality of life for it citizens.

Respectfully,

HUXTABLE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Smitty G. Belcher Owner