

August 01, 2012

Mr. Gregory A. Wilhelm, P.E.
Local Programs Design Engineer
MoDOT St. Louis Metro District
1590 Woodlake Drive
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RE: Laclede's Landing Streetscape
Federal Project Number: STP – 540 (664)

Mr. Wilhelm,

Arcturis is contracted to provide professional services, for the design of the site improvements of the Laclede's Landing Streetscape project, Federal Project Number: STP – 540 (664). The project seeks to improve pedestrian accessibility and revitalize the public realm of Laclede's Landing, in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, through improvements to the streets, sidewalks, stormwater drainage and site furnishings.

In reference to the above mentioned public improvement project, we request approval of a finding in the public interest to use the DuMor, Inc. 144 series 6'-0" long, backless metal bench, Job Special Provision – JSP 02 – Site Furnishings, as listed in the specifications of the project. The referenced bench is listed in the design guidelines, as the preferred bench, in the *Laclede's Landing Public Realm Implementation Plan*, a plan funded and approved by the Laclede's Landing Redevelopment Corporation in 2009. We utilized this plan document for guidance in the design of the streetscape project.

The referenced bench has been bought and installed in recent years by the Laclede's Landing Redevelopment Corporation, for the public right of way of streets in Laclede's Landing. One of the goals of the Laclede's Landing Streetscape project is to develop continuity to the aesthetics of the public realm by utilizing the same site furniture throughout the Laclede's Landing neighborhood. In addition, the project goals also seek to utilize the same bench to be more financially prudent, in the purchasing and storage of replacement parts for the bench and using the same bench will help to minimize maintenance operations. It is therefore desirable that the referenced bench be utilized to achieve the goals stated above, for the Laclede's Landing Streetscape Project.

Approval of this request at your earliest convenience would be truly appreciated. The project is scheduled for a October 2012 bid opening. Should you need any additional information regarding this letter, I can be contacted at (314) 206-7100 or rvmert@arcturis.com.

Best Regards,



Russell G. Volmert, RLA, AICP
Arcturis, Inc.

I do hereby certify that in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 635.411(a)(2), this patented or proprietary item is essential for synchronization with existing highway facilities.


Kathryn F. Harvey, State Design Engineer

cc: David Leake – St. Louis Development Corporation
John Clark – Laclede's Landing Redevelopment Corporation
Todd Brady – Afram Corporation