


Bernard F. Lynch
City Manager

TO: Mayor Edward Caulfield
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

FROM: Bernard F. Lynch, City Manager 

DATE: May 28, 2009

SUBJECT: **MOTION OF 5/12/09 BY COUNCILOR ELLIOTT
“REQUEST THE CITY MANAGER TO WORK WITH THE
DEVELOPER OF THE HAMILTON CANAL TO ENSURE LOCAL
BUSINESSES AND UNIONS ARE PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION
PROCESS”.**

I have been in contact with Adam Baacke, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director regarding the above-mentioned motion. Adam has informed that he has discussed this request with Trinity and they have expressed a clear desire to work with unions and provide opportunities for local businesses and tradespeople to participate in the project.

Trinity is a signatory to an agreement with the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association and several local labor unions to provide dedicated apprenticeship opportunities for local workers to both participate in the project and gain a foothold toward union membership. Trinity has also reached agreements with several labor unions, including the carpenters, masons, painters, and laborers, which will ensure their active and mutually beneficial participation in the construction of Phase I. They continue to negotiate with the trades which have not yet signed on to these agreements.

Trinity is also open to arranging opportunities for local businesses and unaffiliated tradespeople to offer their services to the project. They will work with their contractor to find vehicles to reach out to local vendors for materials and subcontracting opportunities. These may include advertisements and meetings to make potentially interested businesses aware of bid solicitations as well as an ongoing open door policy for parties who wish to be notified of bidding opportunities.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

cc: Adam Baacke, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director
James Errickson, Urban Renewal Project Manager
James Keefe, Trinity Financial