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To: Gainesville City Commission/Letter of Intent

Dear Madam Mayor and Commissioners,

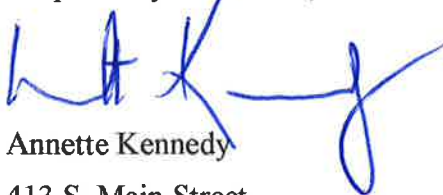
FloridaWorks, a community partnership, requests that the City of Gainesville consider giving bidding preference to contractors using homeless labor from FloridaWorks' Homeless-to-Work grant program for work performed on the approved site for the homelessness One-stop Assistance Center, item number 070275 from today's agenda.

Our grant, Homeless-to-Work, was established in March of 2006 in an effort to end homelessness by providing homeless persons with job-readiness assistance. The Homeless-to-Work grant has 232 skilled and unskilled enrolled participants. Many of those individuals are knowledgeable in the fields of construction, building maintenance, and related trades.

The intent of this request is to empower and provide work for our homeless participants in order to assist them gain self-sufficiency. We feel the City would benefit greatly by having skilled and unskilled labor work on this project.

We invite you to visit FloridaWorks at St. Francis House and wish to submit a formal proposal for your consideration with additional information for your further review.

Respectfully Submitted,



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