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Honorable Board of Aldermen
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to forward to you a copy of the letter from the Inspector General's Office notifying the City of Newton that the Inspector General has approved our application to proceed under the Construction Manger at Risk process for building the new Newton North High School.

The Construction Manager at Risk process provides the City with the opportunity to build the new high school under construction rules that are potentially easier, faster, and far less likely to result in the sort of change order disputes and cost increases that commonly arise under current public construction laws.

I would like to acknowledge the fine work of our outside counsel, David Rogers from the law firm of Palmer and Dodge, and of our own Law Department, especially Ouida Young.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

David B. Cohen
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Re: Application to Use the Construction Management at Risk Alternative
Delivery Method for the Construction of a new Newton North High School
Building

Dear Mayor Cohen:

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 149A and 945 C.M.R. 2.00, the Office of the Inspector General has reviewed the City of Newton's application to proceed submitted on June 2, 2006, and supplemental information submitted on July 12, 2006, to use the construction management at risk (CM at risk) alternative delivery method for the City's high school construction project.

Based on the information submitted, the Inspector General's office has determined that the City has met the requirements necessary for using the CM at risk delivery method. Accordingly, the Inspector General's office is issuing this notice to proceed to use the CM at risk method as specified in M.G.L. c. 149A, §§1-13.

If, during the course of your project, you change your owner's project manager or design firm, please submit information on the new manager or firm to this office for our records. Also, if you decide not to proceed with the CM at risk delivery method, please notify this office.

Pursuant to 945 CMR 2.00, an awarding authority must submit to the Office of the Inspector General a summary report on the CM at risk building project within 70 days from completion of the project or from termination of the contractor on the CM at risk project.

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Please feel free to contact my office if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Gregory W. Sullivan
Inspector General

cc: Ouida C.M. Young, Associate City Solicitor
A. Nicholas Parnell, AIA, Public Buildings Commissioner

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