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Press Release

Union County Public Works Selects Construction Company for Human Services Building

MONROE, N.C. (January 5, 2016) -- Union County Public Works is excited to announce a milestone in the progress of the County's new Human Services building. The County has awarded the construction contract to Monteith Construction Company, which is set to break ground in spring 2016.

The new 144,000 square-foot Human Services building will house the Division of Social Services, Division of Public Health and Human Services Administration. It is replacing the existing 90,000 square-foot facility known as Union Village, currently being leased to house those departments. The building will be located at the intersection of US 601 (Skyway Drive) and Concord Avenue in Monroe, N.C. on approximately 30.53 acres of land. It is targeted for completion in fall 2017.

"We're very excited to continue the progress of the Human Services building," said Ed Goscicki, Executive Director for Union County Public Works. "The new facility will allow us to provide adequate space and equipment, efficiently organized for the Human Services staff to better care for our residents and offer improved customer service. We're looking forward to working with Monteith Construction Company on this project."



Architect renderings of the new Union County Human Services building set for completion in fall 2017

On November 19, 2015, five bids were submitted for the project. After the bids were received, they were opened and reviewed in a public forum. The architect for the project, Perkins and Will, Inc., recommended award of the construction contract to Monteith Construction Company based on their reputation for quality, cost-effective projects. Monteith's bid was \$24,376,000, the lowest of the five received and was nearly \$5 million below the budget for this construction.

Monteith Construction Company is a general contractor based in the Wilmington, N.C. It specializes in building quality structures in the education, healthcare, and government industries. Notable projects include the Wound Care Center in Shelby, N.C., the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Center in Wilmington, N.C. and Central Carolina Community College in Siler City, NC.

About Union County Public Works

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Union County Public Works (UCPW) provides water supply, wastewater treatment, solid waste management and facilities management services to the unincorporated areas and many of the incorporated areas of Union County. UCPW is the water and wastewater utility service provider to all of the municipalities in Union with the exception of Monroe, Marshville, and Wingate. UCPW has nearly 120 employees and a total operating budget of approximately \$33 million which is primarily funded through rates and fees charged for services. UCPW receives only a small portion of revenue from the tax supported general fund for the Facilities Management Division.

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