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Woman's Club of Albany

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The attached materials submitted for review describe proposed work at the Woman's Club of Albany, 725 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY. The project involves the dismantling and rebuilding of the extremely deteriorated South Porch, including modifications to accommodate an accessible ramp leading to the building's main entrance. Existing conditions are shown in attached photographs, and proposed work is described on the 6/26/20 Architectural Drawings Sheets A1 and A2.

The project, funded through DASNY, includes the following work:

- **Masonry.** Restoration of brick and stone perimeter porch walls, ranging from repointing and minor brick resetting (west side) to dismantling and full reconstruction from the footings up at the center and east side. New concrete-surfaced ramped sections and landings, railings and lighting, within rebuilt walls at east side of porch (ADA-compliant).
- **Existing Stone Stair.** Restoration of center stone stair, including dismantling and full reconstruction from footings up. Existing stone to be salvaged for reinstallation, pinned, and/or individual treads replaced in kind where required. Existing railing to be restored and reinstalled.
- **Sidewalks (south and east).** Removal and salvage of bluestone as required for access to work area. Relaying of sound stone; new stone where required.
- **Porch Floor.** Replacement of wood floor structure; new T&G wood decking at covered horizontal surfaces.
- **Porch Columns and Trim.** Restoration of wood columns using dutchman repairs and new wood sections as required. Paint to match existing, including wood elements below roof edge.
- **New Ramp.** Wood (mahogany) Landing #1 and Ramp Section #1 above new decking at horizontal section of porch. Tinted concrete surface at Ramp Sections #2 and #3 and Landings #2 and #3. Railings: simple pipe rail.
- **Lighting.** Restoration of pendant light fixture; new lighting integral to ramp.

The primary modifications to existing conditions include the expansion of the porch footprint to the north to accommodate the horizontal distance necessary for the ADA-compliant ramp; and the introduction of a new opening at the east end of the south porch wall to permit at-grade access to the ramp structure contained within the rebuilt porch walls. Materials and details matching original construction will be used. A brick recess at rebuilt east wall will delineate original location of north porch wall.

Alternates. The following will be bid as project alternates:

- Alternate A. Stone Stair at north porch extension.
- Alternate B. (2) new brick and stone piers at new Landing #3.
- Alternate C. Expanded paved area providing access to Landing #3.