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January 31, 2020

Arlington Select Board
730 Massachusetts Avenue
Arlington, MA 02476

RE: Zoning Board of Appeals
Arlington, MA
Submission of Qualifications for Consideration as Associate Member

Dear Select Board

I am submitting my qualifications and statement of interest for the Associate Member position on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

I've been a resident of Arlington since 2013, have two daughters in the middle and high school, and my wife is a teacher at the Ottoson. I am the principal-in-charge and one of the owners at L.A. Fuess Partners where I have worked for the last 20 years. Our firm is a 40-year-old structural engineering firm with two offices and 90 employees. We design commercial buildings locally and throughout the United States.

The skills that I would be able to offer are ability to understand, interpret and relay the codes and rules and communicate their intent verbally and in writing. I'm passionate about the built environment and particularly skilled in understanding and solving challenging problems. I have a very even temperament and have had many opportunities to develop my ability to calmly and clearly communicate issues with stakeholders, often under difficult circumstances.

Although I am very busy and don't have much spare time, I believe that we need experienced people overseeing the growth of our town in order to ensure that we maintain the high standards and appeal that make people want to move to Arlington.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

Aaron A. Ford, PE

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AARON A. FORD, P.E.

Principal | Vice President

Mr. Ford joined L.A. Fuess Partners in 2000 and has served as a principal with the firm for more than 12 years.

He has a knack for structural engineering, especially in terms of common sense constructability and his ability to hone in on ideal structural solutions. With his degree in Architectural Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, and over 20 years of experience designing a wide range of building and structure types, he is known for his attention to detail and masterful handling of complex projects.

Aaron has extensive renovation experience throughout New England and beyond for office buildings, retail and mixed-use developments, residential facilities, schools and universities, and various historic structures.

EDUCATION

B.S. Architectural Engineering
University of Texas at Austin, 1999

REGISTRATIONS

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
#46393
Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas, Vermont

WORK EXPERIENCE

L.A. Fuess Partners Inc.
2000 – Present

PROJECT ROLES

Principal-in-Charge of Projects
Project Management
Project Engineering

CORPORATE ROLES

Director of LAFP Northeast
SEAMass Board of Directors,
Secretary

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Boston Association of Structural Engineers

Structural Engineers Association of Massachusetts

National Council of Structural Engineers Association

American Institute of Steel Construction

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PROJECT EXPERIENCE

OFFICE

- **161 First Street Office Renovation (former Ashton Valve Co.)**
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- **121 First Street Office**
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- **Gulfport Energy Corporate Office HQ**
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- **Modular Services Company Office & Manufacturing Headquarters**
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- **Parkway Commons 4**
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- **Riverwalk Office Plaza**
Moore, Oklahoma

RENOVATION

- **Science Park Rehabilitation (Conversion of former Winchester Repeating Arms Factory)**
New Haven, Connecticut
- **Hayden Building Re-Use and Renovation**
Boston, Massachusetts
- **600 Washington Renovation**
Boston, Massachusetts
- **467 Washington Renovation**
Boston, Massachusetts
- **Lawrence Mill Renovation – Building A**
Lawrence, Massachusetts
- **YWCA Renovations**
Worcester, Massachusetts
- **Boardwalk Retirement**
Beverly, Massachusetts
- **Sitowski School Conversion / Senior Housing**
Webster, Massachusetts



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AARON A. FORD, P.E.

Principal | Vice President

- **Chelsea Jewish Home Renovation**
Chelsea, Massachusetts
- **35 Bowdoin Street Retrofit and Renovation**
Boston, Massachusetts

HIGHER ED

- **Salem State University Fitness Center Addition and Renovation**
Salem, Massachusetts
- **University New Hampshire Hamilton Smith Hall Additions and Renovations**
Durham, New Hampshire
- **Fitchburg State University Hammond Hall Library and Student Center Addition and Renovations**
Fitchburg, Massachusetts
- **Mt. Holyoke College Community Center Addition and Renovations**
South Hadley, Massachusetts
- **University of Massachusetts Lowell McGauvran Hall Student Center Addition and Renovation**
Lowell, Massachusetts
- **Lowell, Massachusetts University of Massachusetts Lowell Fox Dining Hall Renovation**
Lowell, Massachusetts

RESIDENTIAL

- **Woodmont Senior Living, Parking Garage and Pedestrian Bridge**
Londonderry, New Hampshire
- **119 First Street Apartments**
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- **18 Hurley Apartments**
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- **55 Binney Street Apartments**
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- **165 Cambridge Park Drive**
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- **55 Wheeler Apartments**
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- **Ten Essex Residential**
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- **Union Square Housing**
Somerville, Massachusetts
- **3521 Washington Street Residential**
Boston, Massachusetts
- **1943 Dot Ave Apartments**
Dorchester, Massachusetts