

March 20, 2014

Mr. Bill Montelbano, AIA 8 East Hudson P.O. Box 123 Mazomanie, WI 53560-0123

SUBJECT:

LATERAL SYSTEMS IN PEMB BUILDINGS

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ADDITION

6301 ODANA ROAD MADISON, WISCONSIN

Dear Mr. Montelbano:

MP-Squared Structural Engineers (mp)² has been asked our opinion on the likelihood lateral structural systems exist in the north wall of the St Vincent de Paul store located on Odana Road. It is understood the existing building is a pre-engineered metal building (PEMB) containing approximately 7,873 sf. Typical PEMB construction has moment frames spanning one direction and post and beam construction at the end walls.

The north wall of this building is an end wall and likely contains wind columns supporting horizontal girts that support the metal wall sheathing. The girts also brace the columns and any removal of the girts will likely require column reinforcement to accommodate the larger unbraced length. It is also likely that the end wall contains one or more 'X' braces composed of steel tensions rods that carry wind and seismic loads down to the foundation. The removal of the bracing will require one or more new portal moment frames placed in the plane of the north wall. This would also likely require modifying the existing foundations to support the new framing.

Sincerely,

MP-SQUARED STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS, LLC

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Structural Engineer / Partner





