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**Subject:** Tiebreaker #3

Scott, allow me to offer another perspective on this earliest submittal tiebreaker issue.

As an architecture firm that focuses almost entirely on NCHFA projects, we have submitted as many as 18 preliminary applications in past Januarys.

We give our employees the week off between Christmas and New Years, so this NCHFA deadline of January 1 is actually almost two weeks earlier for us and other architecture firms.

As you can imagine, we don't even start getting sites and projects until around December 1, which means then that we have only 3 weeks to prepare all the drawings necessary for the preliminary application.

So, having a newly created artificial deadline of January 1 may in fact cause us to have to choose which clients and projects we can work on. It is truly unfair to put us in that position.

Please reconsider this tiebreaker, either moving it down on the priority list or changing the deadline to January 16.

I am certainly available for further discussion if you'd like to talk about it. 919-271-7982 is the best way to reach me.

I look forward to hearing back from you.



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