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## LPA OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** 10/10/2000

**TO:** File

**FROM:** Settlement Approver

**SUBJECT:** Administrative Settlement - Job # 11111 – ABC Street, Johnson Parcel

The property owner was provided a good faith offer of:

\$15,000 - 3,000 sf easement <u>500</u> - 100 sf Grading \$15,500

The property owner countered at:

\$17,000 - Easement <u>500</u> - Grading \$17,500

## Justification to accept counteroffer:

The additional \$2,000 was supported by an additional comparable provided by the owner that showed a \$5.84/sf selling price. Owner agreed to \$17,500. It is reasonable, prudent and in the public interest to accept the counteroffer.

Written justification shall indicate that available information (e.g., appraisals, including the owner's appraisal if one is available, recent court awards, estimated trial costs, and valuation problems) supports such a settlement and that it is reasonable, prudent, and in the public's best interest. The extent of the written explanation is a judgmental determination and should be consistent what the circumstances and the amount of money involved. Source: FHWA Real Estate Acquisition Guide For Public Agencies.