

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING APPLICATIONS

1. As of 04/05, the application forms required for submissions to the Designer Selection Board have been updated. The new forms are as follows: DSB Mater File Brochure is replaced by the DSB 2005 Master File Brochure (included herein); DSB Application is replaced by the DSB 2005 Application Form (included herein). All specific project applications must be submitted on the new DSB 2005 Application forms. Submissions that are on the old Form 2000 will not be accepted.
2. An electronic copy of the new DSB 2005 Master File Brochure and the new DSB 2005 Application Form in Microsoft Word for Windows 97 is available for download from the Web site address: http://www.state.ma.us/cam/forms/fi_dselectboard.html.
3. Applications should be limited to the application plus a maximum of **3 supplementary pages** (double sided) unless otherwise noted. Information in excess of three pages, unless otherwise noted in the Public Notice Advertisement, may be the basis of rejection. Computer generated forms are allowed provided they do not substantially deviate from the DSB format. **Submit 16 copies. Please duplicate forms double-sided, if possible, to minimize paper waste.**
4. No cover letters, binders and superfluous material. **Please staple upper right corner, landscape.**
5. DSB recommends that the principal who would be in charge of the project make sure that the form is complete including appropriate signature. Unsigned applications will not be considered.
6. When citing work performed by the applicant while employed by another firm, make certain said firm is properly identified including the individual's level of responsibility.
7. By including a firm as a sub-consultant the applicant certifies that the listed firm has been advised that it was being included in the applicants team and it has agreed to work on this Project should the team be selected. It is a requirement that all applicants supply a signed DSB SC-A's (Sub-Consultant Acknowledgement). There can be no change in consultants from those named unless approved by DCAM and reported to the Designer Selection Board (C.7, §38H(a)). It is a requirement that all applicants supply the signed document, attached to the application, by the listed sub-consultants stating that they are aware and agree to being nominated by said applicant. Failure to supply above documents may result in rejection of application.
8. DCAM contracts require that the Prime and Sub-Consultant personnel must be registered by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in their respective disciplines and therefore, when applicable, the DSB looks for registration in the disciplines listed in order to satisfy DCAM contract requirements.
9. Eligibility requirements are set forth on page 5 of this Public Notice in item 8(a). Sub-paragraph (iii) of item 8(a) requires: 1) the majority of directors or a majority of the stock ownership to be persons who are Mass. registered architects, landscape architects or engineers; 2) the chief executive officer to be a person who is so registered; and 3) the person to be in charge of the project to be so registered in the discipline required for the project.
10. When the Prime applicant is to fulfill any of the requested consultant roles in the advertisement, then that role shall be defined in the organization chart as the applicant. It should also be referenced in Section 7 (resume) and Section 8 (experience) such that it proves the applicant is skilled in supplying these roles on the project.
11. Current SOMWBA Certification Letters showing that the MBE/WBE is certified in the area of work for which it is listed on the application must be submitted for each and every MBE and WBE firm listed on the application, and must be submitted with the application.
12. Applicants are advised to apply only for those projects for which they are demonstrably qualified, as it reflects negatively on the applicant's credibility if the firm applies for every job advertised when only marginally qualified.
13. Applications should be mailed to the Designer Selection Board, One Ashburton Place, Room 1004, Boston, MA 02108.
14. The Board relies almost exclusively on the information submitted on the applications to arrive at a short list of semi-finalists. Therefore, do not include statements that refer to the Master File Brochure for additional information. The Master File Brochures are usually considered upon request of a DSB member when additional supplementary information is needed.
15. Joint ventures are not encouraged. However, they may be advantageous for complex building types in which the participants have a combination of unique skills with a previous successful record of working together.
16. Current workload with DCAM, other public agencies and the private sector are taken into consideration, however, usually only after the DSB has narrowed down the original applicants to a short list of qualified semi-finalists. The Board fosters effective broad-based participation in public work within the design professions.

NOTE **CMR 810 Publication/Instructions for Designers** (Form 9) was replaced by Designers Procedures Manual available on the Web site: www.mass.gov/forms/fi_designerprocman.html.