

DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE 1102nd MEETING, WEDNESDAY APRIL 23, 2025, VIA ZOOM.

1. ROLL CALL:

The Designer Selection Board Meeting was called to order at 8:36 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mark Boyle, Chair	Public Member
David Carlson, V-Chair	Registered Architect
Michael Chavez	Registered Architect
Arthur Choo	Registered Architect
Khalil Mogassabi	Registered Architect
Sam Liao	Registered Engineer
Severino Luna	Registered Engineer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Devin Hurson	Registered Engineer
Lyris Liautaud	Registered Engineer
David Capaldo	General Contractor
Lindsay Richard	Public Member

Present for the DSB staff, Simone A. Early, Executive Director Claire G. Hester, Program Coordinator III and Roberto Melendez, Program Coordinator II.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion to approve the minutes of the 1101th meeting of the Board on Wednesday April 9, 2025, was made by David Carlson, seconded by Sam Liao.

3. REGISTERED VISITORS:

Paulo Bagano	MMD
Andrew Lapp	MMD
Joe Balzano	UMass Amherst
Sharmila Bail	Shekar
Caroline Fitzgerald	RMF
Celia Civello	Edgewood Design
Lauren Martin	SMMA
Iris Davis	CSS
Rudy Caron	SAAM
Lara Neubauer	Dream Collaborative
Charles Murphy	JBB
Carolyn Cioffari	JBB
Nick Stone	NV5
Danna Ransom	SAAM
Tori Ellis	NV5
Doreen Bennett	RGB
Rachel Young	SAAM
Tracy Anadale	RMF
Kyra Coley	RMF
Aarathi Nirmalan	CannonDesign
Pat Bulotto	Van Zelm
Alexandra Dorn	William Pevear
Matthew Tremblay	WSP
Madison Pixley	Tighe & Bond
Nancy Banks	B2Q
Tom Iskra	Salas O'Brien
Ellen Thompson	Isgenuity
Julia Chartier	RFS
Miles McDonald	Salas O'Brien
Arleen Guyan	C.A. Crowley
Monique Twitty	IMEG
Pamla Merrill	RFS
Brenna Sapienza	DCAMM
Alina Comorschi	FandD
Rebecca Maloney	RFS
Ashley Loprete	RFS
Jennifer Wells	DiMella Shaffer
Susan Wisler	IMEG
William Pevear	William Pevear
Jennifer Pollio	B2Q
Kimbely Smith	GA Inc.

Tiffany Yu	DCAMM
Ami Meachum	IMEG
Jenny Burton	DCAMM
Alanna Joachim	ARUP
Hannah Hazelton	Rowse
Jason Curtis	Tighe & Bond
Emily Roberts	ARUP
Karina Mallaeva	TSKP
Martin Vickey	C.A.Crowley
Amanda Rowe	JBB
Diana Nicklaus	SAAM

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. DSB List #25-04, DSBA-33, Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, Massachusetts Military Division (MMD), Statewide, ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed authority delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c7C §5, for an individual project. Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of work & services authorized, shall not exceed) \$2,500,000, 16 Applicants

Representing the Massachusetts Military Division were Paulo Baganha and Andrew Lapp. They explained the Study and Design for Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing Renovations, Repairs and Upgrades House Doctor project and answered questions from the Board.

a. Review

Review of the sixteen (16) applications resulted in determination that five (5) of the applicants had failed to meet the following requirements and could not be considered for this project:

- Armitage Architecture, Inc. did not meet Massachusetts Ownership Requirements. They had no MBE firm included in their application. The application was reformatted. Motion to disqualify Armitage Architecture, Inc. by David Carlson, seconded by Severino Luna. Khalil Mogassabi abstained. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- CHA Architecture did not include references and/or evaluations. Motion to disqualify CHA Architecture by David Carlson, seconded by Michael Chavez. Khalil Mogassabi and Severino Luna abstained. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- Harriman had no references and/or evaluations. Motion to disqualify Harriman by David Carlson, seconded by Michael Chavez. Khalil Mogassabi and Severino Luna abstained. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- RGB Architects had no references and/or evaluations. Motion to disqualify RGB Architects by David Carlson, seconded by Michael Chavez. Khalil Mogassabi and Severino Luna abstained. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- RWH Architect had one (1) evaluation and no references. No fewer than three (3) evaluations and/or references must be submitted. Motion to disqualify RWH Architect by David Carlson, seconded by Sam Liao. Khalil Mogassabi and Severino abstained. Motion was approved to disqualify.

The following eleven (11) applications met the project requirements in the advertisement:

Amenta Emma Architects
 CSS Architects, Inc.
 Derby Square Architects, Inc.
 Edgewood Design + Architecture, Inc.
 J.M. Booth & Associates, Inc.
 Rowse Architects, Inc.
 SAAM Architecture
 SMMA
 Socotec AE Consulting, LLC
 Thoughtcraft Architects
 William Pevear Architects, Inc.

b. Public Comments

None

c. Project Voting and Ranking

The following firms displayed considerable skills and similar experiences. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Section 49 the Board voted to select the following six (6) unranked finalists for the study and design for mechanical, electrical & plumbing renovations, repairs and upgrades house doctor project:

Amenta Emma Architects
CSS Architects, Inc.
Edgewood Design + Architecture, Inc.
SAAM Architecture
SMMA
William Pevear Architects, Inc.

Motion was made by Khalil Mogassabi to select the unranked firms above for the Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, Massachusetts Military Division (MMD), Statewide, seconded by David Carlson. Motion was approved.

The immediate service authorized are a draft study, certifiable study, schematic plans and outline specifications, design development and specifications, construction plans and specifications, and administration of construction contract.

B. DSB List #25-05, DSBA-34, Study & Design of Mechanical and Electrical Systems, UMass Amherst, ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed authority delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c7C §5, for an individual project. Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of work & services authorized, shall not exceed) \$2,000,000, 26 Applicants

Representing the University of Massachusetts Amherst was Joe Balzano. He explained the Study & Design of Mechanical and Electrical Systems, UMass Amherst House Doctor project and answered questions from the Board.

a. Review:

Review of the twenty-six (26) applications resulted in determination that nine (9) of the applicants had failed to meet the following requirements and could not be considered for this project:

- Affiliated Engineers, Inc. had no evaluations and two (2) references. No fewer than three (3) evaluations and references must be submitted. No sub-consultant project experience for Lim, Kalin & Ellana. Motion to disqualify Affiliated Engineers, Inc. by David Carlson, seconded by Michael Chavez. Severino Luna abstained. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- AI Engineers had no references and/or evaluations. Motion to disqualify AI Engineers by David Carlson, seconded by Michael Chavez. Severino Luna abstained. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- Buro Happold Consulting Engineers, PC had no references and/or evaluations. Motion to disqualify Buro Happold Consulting Engineers, PC by David Carlson, seconded by Michael Chavez. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- Clough Harbour & Associates, LLP had no sub-consultant project experience for Art, C.A. Crowley, Kalin, Miyakoda, Howe and Sorensen. Motion to disqualify Clough Harbour & Associates, LLP by David Carlson, seconded by Michael Chavez. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. had no evaluations and two (2) references. No fewer than three (3) evaluations and/or references must be submitted. Motion to disqualify Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. by David Carlson, seconded by Michael Chavez. Severino Luna abstained. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- Hesnor Engineering Associates, PLLC had no evaluation and two (2) references. No fewer than three (3) evaluations and/or references must be submitted. Motion to disqualify Hesnor Engineering Associates, PLLC by David Carlson, seconded by Michael Chavez. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- RMF Engineering, Inc. had no evaluations and no references. Motion to disqualify RMF Engineering, Inc. by David Carlson, seconded by Michael Chavez. Severino Luna abstained. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- VAV International, Inc. had no evaluations and/or no references. Motion to disqualify VAV International, Inc. by David Carlson, seconded by Michael Chavez. Motion was approved to disqualify.
- Waldron had no evaluations and no references. Motion to disqualify Waldron by David Carlson, seconded by Michael Chavez. Motion was approved to disqualify.

The following seventeen (17) applications met the project requirements in the advertisement:

ARUP USA, Inc.
B2Q Associates, Inc.
Bard. Rao + Athanas (BR+A) Consulting Engineers
BL Companies New England, Inc.
BVH Integrated Services, Inc. A Salas O'Brien Company
C.A. Crowley Engineering, Inc.
CannonDesign
Delta Wye Critical Solutions, LLC
EDM Engineering & Landscape Architecture, PC
Fitzmeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.
IMEG
Jaros Baum & Bolles Consulting Engineers, LLP
NV5 Planning & Design, Inc.
Rist-Frost-Shumway Engineering, PC
Tighe & Bond Designer Services, Inc.
Van Zelm Heywood & Shadford, Inc.
WSP USA

b. Public Comments

Caroline Fitzgerald from RMF Engineering, Inc. said RMF had three (3) references in the system. The Board stated that they needed to be included in the application to be considered for this project.

c. Project Voting and Ranking

The following firms displayed considerable skills and similar experiences. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Section 49 the Board voted to select the following four (4) unranked finalists for the Study & Design of Mechanical and Electrical Systems, UMass Amherst House Doctor project:

BVH Integrated Services, Inc. A Salas O'Brien Company
EDM Engineering & Landscape Architecture, PC
IMEG
Rist-Frost-Shumway Engineering, PC

Motion was made by David Carlson to select the four (4) unranked firms above for the Study & Design of Mechanical and Electrical Systems, UMass Amherst House Doctor project, seconded by Khalil Mogassabi. A recusal by Sam Liao. Severino Luna abstained. Motion was approved.

The immediate service authorized are a draft study, certifiable study, schematic plans and outline specifications, design development and specifications, construction plans and specifications, and administration of construction contract.

5. BOARD BUSINESS

The presentation with Simone was rescheduled to May 7, 2025.

6. MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Board adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

A motion to adjourn the meeting of April 23, 2025, by David Carlson, seconded by Arthur Choo. Motion was approved.

7. NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, May 7, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by:



Designer Selection Board Coordinator