

DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE 1032nd MEETING, WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2022 AT 8:35 a.m., VIA ZOOM.

1. ROLL CALL:

The Designer Selection Board Meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David A. Chappell, P.E., V-Chair	Registered Engineer
Alan Ricks, AIA,	Registered Architect
Martha Blakey Smith, AIA	Registered Architect
Ilyas Bhatti, P.E.	Registered Engineer (left at 10:05 a.m.)
Daniel M. Carson, P.E.	Registered Engineer
Maureen Sakakeeny, P.E.	Registered Engineer
David Capaldo	General Contractor
Kathleen B. Colwell	Public Member (left at 11:10 a.m.)
Janice Bergeron	Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Elise F. Woodward, AIA, Chair	Registered Architect
Khalil Mogassabi, AIA	Registered Architect

Present for the DSB staff, Claire G. Hester, Program Coordinator III and Roberto Melendez, Program Coordinator I.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion to approve the minutes of the 1031st January 19, 2022 meeting was made by Ilyas Bhatti, seconded Janice Bergeron. Motion was approved.

3. VISITORS:

Amy Winter	DCAMM
Elayne Campos	DCAMM
Karen Jason	Bridgewater State University
Barbara Masaitis	Bridgewater State University
Susan Goldfischer	DCAMM, Deputy General Counsel
John Nunnari	Architects Organization
Ilona Prosol	BVH
Abbie Goodman	Engineering Center
Liz Minnis	DCAMM
Peter Turowski	Turowski2 Architecture
Vamshi Gooje	Thornton Tomasetti
David Pereira	GGD
Timothy Brennan	Turowski2 Architecture
Amy MacKrell	MDS/Miller Dyer Spears
Erica Patten	Turowski2 Architecture
Meaghan Kennedy	MDS/Miller Dyer Spears
Charles Kelsey	DCAMM
Ryan Senkier	Perry Dean Rogers
Meghan Burke	MDS/Miller Dyer Spears
Nereyda Rodriguez	MDS/Miller Dyer Spears
Ganesh Ramachandran	DCAMM
James Loftus	MDS/Miller Dyer Spears
Dominick Puniello	GGD
Libby Turowski	Turowski2 Architecture
Mark Freeman	Perry Dean Rogers
Simone Early	DHCD
Jennifer Wells	DiMella Shaffer
Caroline Fitzgerald	RMF
Antonio Leite	DCAMM
Hannah Wang	Studio Enee
Marisa Sullivan	Studio G Architects
Miles McDonald	BVH
Stephanie Beals	TSKP
Molly Moore	MDS/Miller Dyer Spears
Betsy Lawson	CDW Consultants
Monica Carroll	Perry Dean Rogers
Ashley Horan	TSKP

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Interview: DSB List #21-33, BSC2201, Bridgewater State University, Burnell Hall Renovation (DCAMM), ECC: \$27,664,668, Fee for Study is \$550,000, Fee for Schematic Design/Final Design is to be determined

Amy Winter and Elayne Campos, both from DCAMM, along with the following representatives from Bridgewater State University: Karen Jason and Barbara Masaitis were present to explain the project and answer questions from the Board.

The Board interviewed the following selected interviewees for the Bridgewater State University, Burnell Hall Renovation project:

MDS/Miller Dyer Spears
Perry Dean Rogers Partners & Architects
Turowski2 Architecture, Inc.

B. Public Comments

No public comment

C. Project Voting and Ranking

The following firms displayed considerable skills and similar experiences for this project. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Section 49 the Board voted in ranking order for the following three (3) finalists for the Bridgewater State University project:

MDS/Miller Dyer Spears (24 points)
Turowski2 Architecture, Inc. (12 points – tiebreaker of 4 points – final tiebreaker of 8 points)
Perry Dean Rogers Partners & Architects (12 points – tiebreaker of 4 points – final tiebreaker of 0 points)

Motion was made by Alan Ricks to select the ranked finalists mentioned above for the Bridgewater State University project, seconded by Janice Bergeron. Motion was approved.

The immediate services authorized are schematic plans & outline specifications and certifiable building study. It is intended that the continued services for design development plans & specifications, construction plans & specifications and administration of construction contract will be required of the selected Designer's team following completion of the certified study & notification of the Board in accordance with M.G.L. c.7C.

D. Board Business

Below was a brief diversity focus statement discussion and will be continued at one of the next DSB meetings:

- The diversity statement and how it is requested in the advertisement.
- Is it clear to the firms on how to respond to the statement?
- Does it accomplish the goals requested?
- Is it clear to the Board on how to evaluate the proposals?
- Larger firms vs. smaller firms accomplishing the diversity goals
- Studies on what the workforce diversity is achieving (tracking workforce data and training for the design community)
- What is the Commonwealth trying to achieve in diversity goals?
- Outreach from the design community on how to reach out to students interested in architectural and engineering programs

Below is the current statement and proposed statement to the diversity language in the advertisement:

Diversity Focus Statement (Section 5) from the DCAMM applications:

Approach to enhancing diversity in assembling the team for this project and the inclusion of firms that expand the overall breadth of different firms working on DCAMM projects including description of specific working relationships and responsibilities between and amongst team members for both MBE/WBE firms and those with which they will be teaming. If applicable, please highlight prior projects that have met M/WBE goals.

Proposed Diversity Focus Statement

Approach to enhancing diversity in assembling the team for this project **specifically (1) the internal diversity of the prime firm and efforts it is making to enhance diversity within the design professions, (2) the inclusion of firms that expand the overall breadth of different firms working on DCAMM projects including description of specific working relationships and responsibilities between and amongst team members for both MBE/WBE firms and those with which they will be teaming, and (3) track record of the prime firm for meeting diversity goals**, highlighting prior projects that have met **or exceeded** M/WBE goals.

Susan Goldfischer, DCAMM Deputy General Counsel said that there were standard goals for every project. In July of 2020, a new program was implemented for project specific goals (attached).

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Board adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

On a motion to adjourn the meeting of February 2, 2022 by Janice Bergeron, seconded by Daniel Carson. Motion was approved.

6. NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: Claire G. Hester

Approved by: Glise F. Arruda

Important 2020 Changes to the Affirmative Marketing Program

The Commonwealth, through its Affirmative Marketing Program (AMP) provides opportunities for minority-owned businesses (MBE) and women-owned businesses (WBE) to participate on public building design and construction projects managed by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), along with large state funded municipal projects and certain projects undertaken by other public entities. The AMP supports MBE and WBE participation in many ways which include setting both project specific and annual overall spending goals for MBE and WBE participation on these important public building projects, as well as by conducting outreach, education and training.

DCAMM and the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) are announcing a series of AMP program changes that will be in effect for DCAMM and other affected state and state funded municipal projects advertised on or after July 1, 2020.

Important changes in effect July 1st include:

Separate MBE and WBE Goals - AMP project specific goals will be set separately, with distinct participation goals set for MBE firm participation and WBE firm participation. This will ensure more representative participation by both MBE and WBE firms.

Project Specific Goals - Goals for individual design and construction contracts will be set on a project by project basis. Awarding Authorities will set the project specific separate MBE and WBE goals prior to advertising design and construction procurements and the individual MBE and WBE goals will be clearly set forth in the procurement documents. This enables participation goals for an individual project to be specifically tailored to the particular project prior to procurement and ensures the goals more accurately reflect the availability of contractors or design professionals.

Overall Annual Program Goal - The overall annual program goals applied to overall annual contract awards for construction and design on DCAMM projects is being increased consistent with the findings in the most recent disparity study. The overall annual program goals across all DCAMM project awards are: Construction MBE 4.2%, WBE 8.8% and Design MBE 6.6% and WBE 15%.

Increased Supplier Credit – MBE or WBE credit for purchases from SDO certified material suppliers on DCAMM projects is increased to 15%. Supplier credit on state funded municipal projects is unchanged.

Again, these changes will be in effect for projects advertised for procurement on or after July 1, 2020.

In addition, Governor Baker has filed legislation that would afford new opportunities for MBEs and WBEs on public building projects. The legislation, if passed, would increase thresholds for certain types of public building procurements and enable DCAMM to include MBE and WBE participation goals in filed sub-bid packages when appropriate. Each of these changes would provide new opportunities for small, minority and women owned businesses to participate in these public projects.

For more information on the AMP program for DCAMM projects visit www.mass.gov/dcamm-contract-compliance or contact DCAMM's Compliance Office at 617 727-4050 ext. 31435.

For more information on the state funded municipal program visit SDO's website <https://www.mass.gov/supplier-diversity-office> or contact SDO's Supplier Diversity Programs Director at 617-502-8851.

REVISED OVERALL ANNUAL PROGRAM PARTICIPATION GOALS FOR MBE & WBE PARTICIPATION ON CERTAIN STATE FUNDED BUILDING PROJECTS

Affirmative Marketing Program Announcement:

Pursuant to M.G.L. c 7c, §6 and M.G.L. c. 7, §61(l), the Supplier Diversity Office (“SDO”) and the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (“DCAMM”) have set new Overall Annual Program Goals for Minority Business Enterprise (“MBE”) and Women Business Enterprise (“WBE”) Participation. These new Overall Annual MBE and WBE Participation Goals apply to the total dollar amount of contracts awarded annually for construction work and design services on affected capital facility projects and state assisted building projects as those projects are defined in the above referenced laws and related Executive Orders.

Effective July 1, 2020, and until such time as the Overall Annual MBE and WBE Participation Goals may be revised, the MBE and WBE participation goals applicable to annual spending by those affected public awarding authorities on their building construction and design project awards are as follows:

Overall Annual Program Goals Applied to Awarded Projects

	Construction Awards	Design Awards
MBE Participation	4.2%	6.6%
WBE Participation	8.8%	15.0%

Important Note: *These are annual goals and are only applicable to the overall annual dollar value of contracts awarded by an awarding authority. These overall annual participation goals should not be applied in setting MBE and WBE participation goals on individual construction or design projects. Individual project goals shall be set using project specific information including project costs, MBE/WBE availability and other applicable factors.*

For those individual building construction or design contracts advertised for procurement on or after July 1, 2020 for which MBE and WBE Participation Goals are set, the MBE and WBE participation goals shall be established on a project by project basis and be listed as separate MBE and WBE participation goals in procurement documents and contracts.

MBE and WBE goals for individual building construction and design contracts shall be established on a project by project basis, using project specific information including estimated project costs, MBE/WBE availability, project specific and other applicable factors. Municipal public awarding authorities should contact SDO, and state public awarding authorities should contact DCAMM for additional information on setting project participation goals on individual projects, as well as their project compliance and participation reporting responsibilities.