

DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE 1065TH MEETING, WEDNESDAY JULY 12, 2023 VIA ZOOM.

1. ROLL CALL:

The Designer Selection Board Meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Martha Blakey Smith, AIA, Chair	Registered Architect
Maureen Sakakeeny, P.E., V-Chair	Registered Engineer (Chaired meeting)
Khalil Mogassabi, AIA	Registered Architect
Elise F. Woodward, AIA,	Registered Architect
Ilyas Bhatti, P.E.	Registered Engineer (left at 10am)
Severino Luna, P.E.	Registered Engineer
Mark Boyle	Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

David Capaldo	General Contractor
Vacant	Registered Architect
Vacant	Registered Engineer
Vacant	Public Member

Present for the DSB staff, Claire G. Hester, Acting Executive Director and Roberto Melendez, Program Coordinator II.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion to approve the minutes of the 1064th June 21, 2023 meeting was made by Ilyas Bhatti, seconded by Mark Boyle. Maureen Sakakeeny abstained. Motion was approved.

3. VISITORS:

Nick Monillos	EOHLC
Simone Early	EOHLC
Carl Erickson	UMass Boston
Michael Kearns	UMass Boston
Dennis Swinford	UMass Boston
Shaun Curry	UMass Boston
Scott Schilt	DCAMM
David Giuliano	Rosemont Design
Deb Azer	Habeeb Architects
Lauren Martin	SMMA
Jennifer Shelby	IMEG
Katerina Bressette	Smith Group
James McCurdy	EOHLC
Lauren Hickey	FAA Inc.
Tracey O'Connor	SMMA
Christopher McMahan	AECOM
Catherine Hunt	Ellenzweig
Melissa Kuronen	Ellenzweig
Dominick Roveto	HDR Inc.
Alison Pascucci	HDR Inc.
Kellie Jackson	Perkins Eastman
Tamara Macuch	Habeeb Architects
Elizabeth Lewis	Habeeb Architects
Lateffa Curry	S/L/A/M Collaborative
Doreen Bennett	RGB
Ashley Horan	TSKP
Serena Wong	RFS Engineering
Charlotte Berman	Perkins Will
Bob Delagrange	Hoff Architects
Stephen Feige	Smith Group
Aarathi Nirmalan	Cannon Design
Lynne Deninger	Cannon Design
Jessica Bell	FM Architecture
Julie Wison	EFI Global
Diana Cioffari-MacPhee	Matz Collaborative
Adam Mitchell	CambridgeSeven
Ellen Whelton	DCAMM
Ray Porfilio	DCAMM
Arleen Guyan	C.A. Crowley Engineering
Ryan Connors	Ashley McGraw
Miles McDonald	Salas O'Brien
Donnie Nguyen	DCAMM

Stephanie Beals	TSKP
Ainsleigh Winget	Isgenuity
Brenna Sapienza	DCAMM
Susan Elmore	CambridgeSeven
Ashley Loprete	RFS Engineering
Brenda Hernandez	DCAMM
Stephen Montibello	E4H Architecture
Mark Pasnik	Overunder
Kathie Chainey	Arrowstreet
David Damon	Perkins Will
Anne Marie Garcia	E4H Architecture
Kip Ellis	E4H Architecture
Kenna Therrien	Gienapp Architects
Molly Moore	Gensler
Kara McLellan	Annum Architects
Sally Woodson	Gienapp Architects
Nicole DePoalo	Arrowstreet
Amee D'Horia	CI Design Inc.
Susan Wisler	IMEG
Olivia Greene	Kripper Studio
Amir Kripper	Kripper Studio

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. EXEMPTION REQUEST: Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC)

Nick Monillos, DSC Coordinator and Simone Early, Assistant Director of Architectural and Engineering were present to answer questions from the Board. In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 7C Section 46C (b) the Designer Selection Board voted unanimously to approve the exemption of the EOHLC for two years commencing on August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2025. Motion was made by Elise Woodward to approve the two-year exemption for EOHLC, seconded by Mark Boyle. Motion was approved unanimously.

B. DSB List #23-10, DSBA-07, Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, UMass Boston, ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed authority delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c.7C §5, for an individual project. Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of the work & services authorized, shall not exceed) \$2,000,000 (House Doctor), 19 Applicants

Carl Erickson, Michael Kearns, Dennis Swinford and Shaun Curry, all from UMass Boston, were present to explain the project and answer questions from the Board.

The following nineteen (19) firms met the requirements in this advertisement:

Cambridge Seven – This firm is in Cambridge with 51 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They had a strong response to the project criteria in Section #5.

CannonDesign – This firm is in Boston with 74 employees in Boston. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They had an excellent response to the project criteria in Section #5.

D21 Architects, LLC – This firm is in West Bridgewater with 6 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

E/F/H Architects, P.C. – This firm is in Boston with 27 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They provided a good diversity focus statement in Section #5.

Ellenzweig – This firm is in Boston with 50 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They had excellent references and evaluations. They had an excellent response to the project criteria in Section #5.

Fennick McCredie Architecture – This WBE firm is in Boston with 49 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They had a good responsive to the project criteria in Section #5.

Gensler – This firm is in Boston with 177 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They provided good references and evaluations. They had a good response to the project criteria in Section #5.

HDR Architecture, P.C. – This firm is in Boston and NJ with 185 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They were responsive to the project criteria in Section #5 and provided a good diversity focus statement.

Isgenuity, LLC – This firm is in Boston and RI with 54 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

JCJ Architecture, P.C. – This firm is in Boston and CT with 141 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

Matz Collaborative Architects, Inc. – This firm is in Framingham with 7 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. Their Section #5 was responsive to the project criteria.

MDS/Miller Dyer Spears – This firm is in Boston with 48 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They provided excellent references.

Overunder – This firm is in Boston with 10 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They were responsive to the project criteria in Section #5.

Perkins Eastman – This firm is in Boston with 50 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

Perkins & Will – This firm is in Boston with 156 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

Smith Group – This firm is in Boston and Washington, DC with 1300 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They provided both large and small project experience.

Socotec AE Consulting, LLC – This firm is in Boston with 27 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. Their PIC is an engineer and not an architect.

The S/L/A/M Collaborative, Inc. – This firm is in CT and Boston with 290 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

William Pevear Architects, Inc. – This VBE firm is in Cambridge with 6 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They provided good evaluations.

C. Public Comments

None

D. 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 for the following four (4) unranked finalists for the UMass Boston House Doctor project:

Cambridge Seven
Ellenzweig
Overunder
William Pevear Architects, Inc.

Motion was made by Elise Woodward to select the four (4) House Doctor finalists mentioned above for the UMass Boston project, seconded by Severino Luna. Khalil Mogassabi abstained. Motion was approved.

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

E. DSB List #23-11, DSBHD-01, Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades to Courthouses, Statewide (DCAMM), ECC: Varies Per Project: Not to exceed authority delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c.7C §5, for an individual project. Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of the work & services authorized, shall not exceed) \$2,000,000 (House Doctor), 10 Applicants

Scott Schilt from DCAMM was present to explain the project and answer questions from the Board.

The following ten (10) firms met the requirements in this advertisement:

Annum Architects – This MBE firm is in Boston with 43 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They were responsive to the project criteria in Section #5.

Finegold Alexander Architects, Inc. – This WBE firm is in Boston with 41 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They had an excellent response to the project criteria in Section #5.

Gienapp Architects – This firm is in Danvers with 12 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They were responsive to the project criteria in Section #5.

Habeeb and Associates Architects – This firm is in Norwell and Worcester with 29 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

HDR Architecture, P.C. – This firm is in Boston and NJ with 185 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

Kripper Architecture Studio, Inc. – This firm is in Boston with 9 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

RGB Architects – This VBE firm is in Providence, RI with 25 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They provided good evaluations and references.

Rowse Architects, Inc. – This firm is in Foxboro with 15 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They provided good references and evaluations. It was noted that there were typographical errors throughout the proposal and it was strongly recommended to double check applications before submitting.

SMMA – This firm is in Cambridge and RI with 214 employees. This was not as responsive as other proposals for this project.

STV, Inc. – This firm is in Boston with 112 employees and 2,533 employees nationwide. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

F. Public Comments

None

G. 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 for the following unranked five (5) finalists for the Courthouse Statewide House Doctor project:

Annum Architects
Finegold Alexander Architects, Inc.
Gienapp Architects
Habeeb and Associates Architects
HDR Architecture, P.C.

Motion was made by Severino Luna to select the five (5) House Doctor finalists mentioned above for Courthouse Statewide project, seconded by Mark Boyle. Motion was approved.

The immediate services authorized are a draft study, certifiable building study, schematic plans and outline specifications, design development plans and specifications, construction plans and specifications, administration and construction contract & courts programming and analyses.

H. Board Business:

The Board said their farewell goodbyes to Ilyas Bhatti at his last meeting with the DSB.

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Board adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

On a motion to adjourn the meeting of July 12, 2023 by Severino Luna, seconded by Mark Boyle. Motion was approved.

6. NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: Claire G. Hester

Approved by: M. Blukay Smith