

DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE 1059th MEETING, WEDNESDAY MARCH 15, 2023 VIA ZOOM.

1. ROLL CALL:

The Designer Selection Board Meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Martha Blakey Smith, AIA, Chair	Registered Architect
Alan Ricks, AIA,	Registered Architect
David A. Chappell, P.E.	Registered Engineer
David Capaldo	General Contractor
Kathleen B. Colwell	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 1058th March 1, 2023 meeting was made by Severino Luna, seconded by Mark Boyle. Motion was approved.

3. VISITORS:

Robin Pfetsch	DCR
Mary Beth McKenzie	Fitchburg State University
John Head	Fitchburg State University
Liza Bouton	HMFH
Abdullah Khaliqi	FT
Stephanie Livolsi	Dore & Whittier
Roberto Fitzgerald	Dore & Whittier
Caroline Deltoro	LPAA
Peter Caruso	LPAA
Andree Witkos	LPAA
Katherine Klepacki	Kuhn Riddle
Allison Puzycki	CES Engineering
Katie Ferrier	Arrowstreet
Beth Grande	FT
John Murphy	John Murphy Electric
Monica Carroll	Perry Dean
Iris Davis	CSS Architects
Keith Campbell	Next Phase Studio
Tiffany Wright	LLB Architects
Lisa Ferolito	NS Engineering
Deborah Azer	Habeeb Architects
Michele Auer	BWA
Danielle Mercier	EDM
Ahmed Idris	BWA
Sela Bailey	BIA Studio
John Matz	Matz Collaborative
Diana Cioffari-MacPhee	Matz Collaborative
Kathleen O'Connor	SV Design
Melissa Calvovides	ICON
Jennifer Shelby	IMEG
Ned Collier	ICON
Tamara Mucuch	Habeeb Architects
Stephanie Beals	TSKP
Yugon Kim	TSKP
Susan Wisler	IMEG
Bob Sherman	EDM
Mike Sears	NV5
Jennifer Pollio	B2Q

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Request for Extension of Design Services for DCR

Architect: Beacon Architectural Associates, Inc.

Advertised As: DSB List #18-10, Item #1, Project #DCR18A/E06, Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs and Upgrades, Various DCR Facilities, Statewide, Fee: \$750,000 per contract

Referenced Project: Norumbega Tower in the Charles River Reservation

Extension of Fee: \$110,120

Robin Pfetsch, Director of the Architecture Section with DCR was present to explain the project and answer questions from the Board.

In accordance with the provisions of the M.G.L. Chapter 7C, sec. 52, the Designer Selection Board voted to exercise its authority to approve the extension of design services with Beacon Architectural Associates, Inc. and allow DCR to increase the contract fee by \$110,120 for the above referenced project.

Motion was made by Ilyas Bhatti to approve the extension of design services and increase the fee by \$110,120 for the DCR Norumbega Tower project with Beacon Architectural Associates, Inc., seconded by Maureen Sakakeeny. Motion was approved.

B. DSB List #22-42, DSBP-42, Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs and Upgrades, Fitchburg State University, 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: \$1,000,000 (House Doctor), 19 Applicants

Mary Beth McKenzie from Fitchburg State University was present to explain the project and answer questions from the Board.

Review of the nineteen (19) applications resulted in determination that one (1) of the applicants had failed to meet the requirements of the RFP and could not be considered for this project:

TSKP Studio was disqualified for submitting an incomplete application (no resumes and no project experience sections) Motion was made to disqualify TSKP Studio by Ilyas Bhatti, seconded by Severino Luna. Motion was approved.

The following eighteen (18) firms met the requirements in this advertisement:

Amenta Emma Architects – This firm is in Boston and Hartford, CT with 34 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype – This WBE firm is in Boston with 44 employees. This was a good proposal with relevant project experience. They had good references.

BIA Studio – This firm is in Boston with 9 employees. This was a strong proposal with relevant project experience.

BWA Architecture, Inc. – This firm is in Boston with 22 employees. This was a good proposal. They provided good references.

CSS Architects, Inc. – This WBE firm is in Wakefield with 10 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

Dore & Whittier Architects, Inc. – This firm is in Newburyport and Burlington, VT with 65 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They worked with Fitchburg State University.

Habeeb & Associates Architects – This firm is in Norwell and Worcester with 25 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They had a diverse team of consultants.

Helene Karl Architects, Inc. – This WBE firm is in Groton with 4 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They had good references. They worked with Fitchburg State University.

ICON Architecture – This WBE firm is in Boston with 40 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They worked with Fitchburg State University.

Kripper Architecture Studio, Inc. – This MBE firm is in Boston with 9 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They have a diverse team of consultants.

Kuhn Riddle Architects – This WBE firm is in Amherst with 18 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

Lamoureux Pagano Associates Architects – This firm is in Worcester with 17 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They have experience working with Fitchburg State University.

LLB Architects – This firm is in Worcester and Pawtucket, RI with 25 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. They worked with Fitchburg State University. They have good evaluations.

Next Phase Studios, Inc. – This firm is in Brookline with 7 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

Pfeufer Richardson Architects, PC – This firm is in Cambridge with 6 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

SV Design, LLC – This firm is in Beverly and Chatham with 40 employees. This was a good proposal with similar project experience. They had less higher education experience than other firms.

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

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 Fitchburg State University ARCH House Doctor project:

BIA, Studio
Helene Karl Architects, Inc.
Kripper Architecture Studio, Inc.
Pfeufer Richardson Architects, Inc.

Motion was made by Elise Woodward to select the four (4) unranked finalists mentioned above for the Fitchburg State University ARCH House Doctor project, seconded by Khalil Mogassabi. Motion was approved.

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

E. DSB List #22-42, DSBP-42, Study & Design for Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing & Fire Protection Renovations and Upgrades, Fitchburg State University, 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: \$500,000 (House Doctor), 8 Applicants

Mary Beth McKenzie and John Head both from Fitchburg State University were present to explain the project and answer questions from the Board.

The following eight (8) firms met the requirements in this advertisement:

B2Q Associates, Inc. – This WBE firm is in Andover and Saratoga Springs, NY with 25 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They had a diverse team of consultants. They worked with Fitchburg State University.

BLW Engineers, Inc. – This firm is Littleton with 64 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience.

Consulting Engineering Services – This firm is in Norwood and Middletown, CT with 117 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They worked with Fitchburg State University.

EDM Architecture & Engineering, PC – This firm is in Pittsfield and Unionville, CT with 37 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They had a good response to the project criteria in Section #5.

Fitzmeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc. – This firm is in Woburn with 60 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They had good references.

Norian/Siani Engineering, Inc. – This firm is in Concord with 10 employees. This was a good proposal with relevant project experience.

NV5 Planning Design, Inc. – This firm is in Andover and Hadley with 166 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant project experience. They had good references.

VAV International, Inc. – This MBE firm is in Woburn with 10 employees. This was a responsive proposal with relevant projects experience. They had a good response to the project criteria.

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 two (2) unranked finalists for the Fitchburg State University MEP/FP House Doctor project:

Consulting Engineering Services
EDM Architecture & Engineering, PC

Motion was made by Elise Woodward to select the two (2) unranked finalists mentioned above for the Fitchburg State University MEP/FP House Doctor project, seconded by Severino Luna. Motion was approved.

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

H. Board Business:

None

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Board adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

On a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 15, 2023 by Ilyas Bhatti, seconded by Severino Luna. Motion was approved.

6. NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: Claire H. Hester

Approved by: Maureen W. Sakashanley