

DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE 1036TH MEETING, WEDNESDAY MARCH 30, 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:

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| Khalil Mogassabi, AIA | Registered Architect |
| Alan Ricks, AIA, | Registered Architect |
| Martha Blakey Smith, AIA | Registered Architect |
| David A. Chappell, P.E., V-Chair | Registered Engineer (Chaired the meeting) |
| Maureen Sakakeeny, P.E. | Registered Engineer |
| David Capaldo | General Contractor |
| Kathleen B. Colwell | Public Member |

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| Elise F. Woodward, AIA, Chair | Registered Architect |
| Ilyas Bhatti, P.E. | Registered Engineer |
| Daniel M. Carson, P.E. | Registered Engineer |
| Janice Bergeron | Public Member |

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 1035th March 16, 2022 meeting was made by Martha Blakey Smith, seconded by Kathleen Colwell. Motion was approved.

3. VISITORS:

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| Sarah Felton | DCAMM |
| Elayne Campos | DCAMM |
| Jim Racki | Quinsigamond Community College |
| Christina Kelley | Quinsigamond Community College |
| Stephen Marini | Quinsigamond Community College |
| Frank Nocella | Middlesex Community College |
| Brian Butler | Middlesex Community College |
| Patrick Cook | Middlesex Community College |
| Justine Kubo | ICON Architecture |
| Jess Charlap | Perkins Eastman |
| Dana Kelly | Bruner Cott |
| Stephanie Salsman | Bruner Cott |
| Phil Sisson | Middlesex Community College |
| Ashley Horan | TSKP |
| Diana Ostberg | Saam Architecture |
| Simone Early | DHCD |
| David McClave | DCAMM |
| Iris Davis | CSS Architects |
| Bob Delagrange | Hoff Architects |
| Chris Nordberg | STV, Inc. |
| Deborah Azer | Habeeb Architects |
| Sharon Gray | Schwartz Silver |
| Mark Schatz | Schwartz Silver |
| Sharmila Bail | Shekar |
| Keith Campbell | NPS Architects |
| Brian Hunter | DiNisco |
| Lily Polakiewicz | LBPA |
| Carol Burns | Taylor & Burns |
| Jacobus Louw | Saam Architects |
| Jennifer Shelby | IMEG Corp |
| Ashley Solomon | Dietz Architects |
| Kristina Kashanek | Jones Architects |
| Richard Jones | Jones Architects |
| Stephanie Beals | TSKP |
| Gladys Soto | StudioMLA |
| Sayem Khan | William Pevear Architects |
| Kate Zagarenski | STV, Inc. |
| Tiffany Kajer Wright | LLB Architects |
| Mike Sears | RDK/NV5 |
| Tamara Macuch | Habeeb Architects |
| Nancy Banks | B2Q Associates |

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. DSB List #22-06, QCC2201, Quinsigamond Community College (QCC)-IQ Center, Worcester, ECC: \$18,866,293, Final Design: To Be Negotiated, 11 Applicants

Sarah Felton and Elayne Campos both from DCAMM along with the following representatives from Quinsigamond Community College: Jim Racki, Stephen Marini were present to explain the project and answer questions from the Board.

The following eleven (11) firms met the requirements in this advertisement:

Bruner/Cott and Associates, Inc. – They provided a strong diversity statement. This was a good application. They did not provide any Ch.149A experience.

Gensler – Their response to the complex phase renovation criteria did not showcase their experience in this section. They did a good job on how the team will be working together. They could have shown more information on how they use internal diversity and their track record.

Goody Clancy and Associates, Inc. – This was a good application. The bullet points they listed were very helpful when reviewing this proposal. They have good references.

ICON Architecture – This was a good application. They provided relevant project experience. The diversity statement could have more information.

Jones Architecture, Inc. – This was another good application. They have a history working with Quinsigamond Community College.

Lavallee Brensinger Architects – They did not provide any Ch. 149A experience or relevant project experience for this project.

LLB Architects – They provided a good diversity statement and good references. They did not include Massachusetts higher education experience or Ch. 149A experience.

Michael Lindstrom Associates Architects dba StudioMLA Architects – They did not provide Ch.149A experience. They did not have relevant project experience.

Perkins Eastman – This was a good application with relevant project experience. They were vague on Ch. 149A experience. They had excellent references and included a good discussion on gateway design.

SAAM Architecture – They provided excellent references and evaluations. This was a good proposal. They had a good diversity statement.

Schwartz/Silver Architects – They had relevant project team experience. Most of the projects listed were between 2014-2016.

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 for the following three firms to be interviewed on April 13, 2022:

Goody Clancy and Associates, Inc.
Jones Architecture, Inc.
Perkins Eastman

Motion was made by Maureen Sakakeeny to select the finalists mentioned above to be interviewed for the Quinsigamond Community College – IQ Center, seconded by Martha Blakey Smith. Motion was approved.

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

D. DSB List #22-04, MCC-2022-05, Middlesex Community College, Study & Design for General Building Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, Bedford & Lowell, Aggregate Available Amount: \$2,250,000, ECC; Varies per Project, Not to Exceed authority delegated pursuant to MGL c.7C §5, for an individual project, Fee: \$750,000, (House Doctor) 8 Applicants

Patrick Cook, Frank Nocella, Brian Butler and Christina Kelley, all from Middlesex Community College were present to explain the project and answer questions from the Board.

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

CSS Architects, Inc. – This was a good application. They were very responsive to all the criteria. They provided excellent references.

Dietz & Company Architects, Inc. – This was another excellent proposal. They have relevant project house doctor experience.

Gensler – This was a good application. Section #5 seemed to be a little boiler plate. They definitely can do the work at the campus.

ICON Architecture – This was another good proposal. Section #5 was good, and it was nice how they talked about the specific team members. They had good references.

Michael Lindstrom Associates Architects dba StudioMLA Architects – They provided relevant project experience. This was a good application.

STV, Inc. – They had good references. They responded well to Section #5 with a good diversity statement. This was a responsive application.

William Pevear Architects, Inc. – They provided good references. This was a good application with a good diversity statement. Most of their experience is with medical work, but qualified to do the work on campus.

William Sloan Associates – This was a good application. They have relevant project experience and are familiar with the campus. They had an excellent discussion on how the teams work together.

E. Public Comments

No public comment

F. 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 three unranked finalists for the Middlesex Community College House Doctor project:

CSS Architects, Inc.
ICON Architecture
William Sloan Associates

Motion was made by Maureen Sakakeeny to select the unranked finalists mentioned above for the Middlesex Community College MEP House Doctor project, seconded by Kathleen Colwell. Motion was approved.

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

G. DSB List #22-05, MCC-2022-06, Middlesex Community College, Study & Design for Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing & Fire Protection Renovations, Repairs & Upgrades, Bedford & Lowell, Aggregate Available Amount: \$2,250,000, ECC; Varies per Project, Not to Exceed authority delegated pursuant to MGL c.7C §5, for an individual project, House Doctor, Fee: \$750,000, 10 Applicants

Patrick Cook, Frank Nocella, Brian Butler and Christina Kelley, all from Middlesex Community College were present to explain the project and answer questions from the Board.

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

AI Engineers – This was a good application. They had a great response to the criteria. Their team is from the CT office and should have included some from the Boston office. They have the relevant project experience.

Architectural Engineers, Inc/IMEG – This is a good proposal. They have relevant higher education experience. Their diversity showed their internal diversity and their track record; this was a strong diversity statement.

B2Q Associates, Inc. – This was another good proposal. They have relevant project experience for higher education. They provided a good diversity statement.

BLW Engineers, Inc. – They provided a generic response to the project criteria.

Fitzmeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc. – They provided good references. This was a responsive application.

GGD Consulting Engineers, Inc. – They cited higher education experience but did not mention much in their resumes.

Richard D. Kimball Co dba NV5 – They are currently working as an OPM on campus. They provided an excellent response to the project criteria.

Shekar & Associates, Inc. – This was a good application. They provided excellent references. They were responsive to the project criteria.

VanZelm Heywood & Shadford, Inc. – They provided good references.

VAV International, Inc. – This was a good application. They have relevant project experience.

H. Public Comments

No public comment

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B2Q Associates, Inc.
VAV International, Inc.

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J. Board Business: Diversity Focus Statement Discussion

The Board discussed the diversity statement below. Claire will send a word file of the proposed diversity focus statement to the members to track changes. Members will send Claire comments to this statement. It will be finalized at one of the next meetings and the recommendation will be sent to DCAMM.

Proposed Diversity Focus Statement

Applicants as Prime firm should include in their application, under Section 5, a Diversity Focus Statement directly addressing:

- 1) the Prime firm's demonstrated Diversity, Equity and Inclusion efforts within its organization and within the design profession;
- 2) the specific approach for assembling the team for this project, including M/W/VBE firms with prior DCAMM experience, the Prime firm's experience with each working relationship, and description of the roles and responsibilities between and amongst team members anticipated for this project;
- 3) the demonstrated track record of the Prime firm for meeting DCAMM or other agency diversity goals, highlighting in particular prior projects that have met or exceeded these goals.

DCAMM and the Designer Selection Board strongly encourage teams composed of firms that expand the overall breadth of different firms working on DCAMM projects.

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

On a motion to adjourn the meeting of March 30, 2022 by Martha Blakey Smith, seconded by David Capaldo. Motion was approved.

6. NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: Claire G. Hester

Approved by: Glise F. Arruda