

DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD
MINUTES OF THE 1081ST MEETING, WEDNESDAY MAY 22, 2024, VIA ZOOM.

1. ROLL CALL:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Maureen Sakakeeny, P.E., Chair | Registered Engineer |
| Mark Boyle, V-Chair | Public Member |
| David Carlson, AIA | Registered Architect |
| Khalil Mogassabi, AIA | Registered Architect |
| Martha Blakey Smith, AIA | Registered Architect |
| Severino Luna, P.E. | Registered Engineer |
| David Capaldo | General Contractor |

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| Arthur Choo, AIA | Registered Architect |
| Sam Liao, P.E. | Registered Engineer |
| Vacant | Registered Engineer |
| Vacant | 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 1080th meeting of the Board on May 8, 2024 was made by David Carlson, seconded by Mark Boyle. Motion was approved.

3. VISITORS:

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| Luciana Burdi | Massport |
| Susan Brace | Massport |
| Joanne O'Rourke | MDS |
| Jennifer Wells | DiMella Shaffer |
| Kevin Moriarty | DiMella Shaffer |
| Alexandra Baccari | DiMella Shaffer |
| Megan Harton | DiMella Shaffer |
| Leanne Peters | UMass Lowell |
| Maria Morrissey | UMass Lowell |
| Kristina Kashanek | Jones Architects |
| Elisabeth Mansfield | Goody Clancy |
| Kari Scullin | Perkins & Will |
| Elizabeth Musacchio | ARC USA |
| Katerina Bressette | Smith Group |
| Margo Jones | Jones Whitsett |
| Laura Roth | HGA |
| Nancy Banks | B2Q |
| Amee D'Horia | CI Design |
| Owen Salerno | MDS |
| Charlotte Berman | Perkins & Will |
| Susana Zelter-Kreindel | ARC USA |
| John Fahnhorst | ARC USA |
| Ellen Thompson | Isgenuity |
| Komal Soni | Isgenuity |
| Ainsleigh Winget | Isgenuity |
| Catherine Hunt | Ellenzweig |
| Tom Grimble | HOK |
| Alexander Farley | HOK |
| Tiffany Yu | DCAMM |
| Alan Fried | HDR |
| Aaron Shenette | Gensler |
| Diana Cioffari-MacPhee | Matz Collaborative |
| Elizabeth Mikula | Perkins & Will |
| Emily Grandstaff-Rice | Perkins & Will |
| Kathleen Porter | LBPA |
| William Pevear | William Pevear Architects |
| Alexandra Dorn | William Pevear Architects |
| Noelle Swift | LBPA |
| Brenna Sapienza | DCAMM |
| Annelise Ciccone | CI Design |
| Miles McDonald | Salas O'Brien |

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| Melissa Kuronen | Ellenzweig |
| Laura Notman | MDS |
| Lexie Dvarskas | RMF |
| Jennifer Pollio | B2Q |
| Fenton Bradley | D21 Architects |
| Martin Lu | HDR |

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Exemption Request for the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)

Luciana Burdi, Director of Capital Programs & Environmental Affairs and Susan Brace, Senior Executive Assistant, Capital Programs Department were present to request a two-year exemption for the Massachusetts Port Authority from the DSB. In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 7C, Provision 46, the Board voted to grant the Massachusetts Port Authority a two-year exemption expiring on July 8, 2026.

On a motion to approve the two-year exemption for Massachusetts Port Authority by Mark Boyle, seconded by Martha Blakey Smith. Motion was approved.

B. DSB List #24-05, DSBA-16, Study, Design and Construction Admin Services for the Renovation of Laboratories at UMass Lowell, 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 work and services authorized, shall not exceed \$1,500,000 (House Doctor), 19 Applicants

Maria Morrissey representing UMass Lowell was present to explain the house doctor project and answer questions from the Board.

The following firms met the requirements in the advertisement:

Amenta Emma Architects – The firm is in Hartford, CT and Boston with 44 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience. They submitted good references.

ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge – The firm is in Boston with 51 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience. They submitted excellent references.

CI Design, Inc. – The firm is in Boston with 130 employees. The proposal was responsive. Their lab experience is not as strong as the other applicants. They noted that they do not have any current Massachusetts projects.

DiMella Shaffer Associates, Inc. – The firm is in Boston with 80 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience. They submitted good references.

Ellenzweig – The firm is in Boston with 50 employees. The proposal was highly responsive with relevant project experience. They submitted excellent references.

Gensler – The firm is in Boston and nationwide with 6,374 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience. They have a current house doctor contract with UMass Lowell through 2030.

Goody, Clancy & Associates, Inc. – The firm is in Boston with 73 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience.

HDR Architecture, PC – The firm is in Boston and Pennington, NJ with 185 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience.

Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, PC – The firm is in Boston and nationwide with 1,684 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience. This firm is new to the Boston area. Section #5 was less responsive. The application was not as strong as other applicants.

Isgenuity, LLC - The firm is in Boston and Providence, RI with 43 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience. They submitted excellent references.

Jones Architecture, Inc. – The firm is in Salem with 28 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience. They have a current house doctor contract with UMass Lowell.

Lavallee Brensinger Architects – The firm is in Boston and Manchester, NH with 64 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience.

LLB Architects – The firm is in Worcester and Pawtucket, RI with 22 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience.

Margulies Perruzzi Architects, Inc. – The firm is in Boston with 46 employees. The proposal was responsive. Their lab experience was not as strong as other applicants. They did not list any current Massachusetts work.

Matz Collaborative Architects, Inc. – The firm is in Framingham with 6 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience. They have a current house doctor contract with UMass Lowell through 2030.

MDS/Miller Dyer Spears – The firm is WBE certified and is located in Boston with 48 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience. They submitted good references. They have two current house doctor contracts with UMass Lowell.

Perkins & Will – The firm is in Boston and nationwide with 2,612 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience.

Sasaki Architects, PC – The firm is in Watertown with 300 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience in their proposed team. They have an existing house doctor contract with UMass Lowell. This proposal is not as strong as other applicants.

William Pevear Architects, Inc. – The firm is VBE certified and is located in Cambridge with 6 employees. The proposal was responsive with relevant project experience in their proposed team. Their Section #5 was excellent and responsive to the project criteria.

Public Comments

None

C. Project Voting and Ranking

The following firms displayed considerable skills and similar experiences with laboratory projects. In accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7C, Section 49 the Board voted to select the following three (3) unranked finalists for the Study, Design and Construction Admin Services for the Renovation of Laboratories House Doctor project at U/Mass Lowell:

DiMella Shaffer Associates, Inc.
Ellenzweig
William Pevear Architects, Inc.

Motion was made by Severino Luna to select the three (3) unranked finalists for the Study, Design and Construction Admin Services for the Renovation of Laboratories House Doctor project at U/Mass Lowell, seconded by David Capaldo. Motion was approved.

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

D. Board Business:

None

5. MOTION TO ADJOURN: The Board adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

On a motion to adjourn the meeting of May 22, 2024, by David Carlson, seconded by David Capaldo. Motion was approved.

6. NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, June 5, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: *Claire H. Hester*
Designer Selection Board Coordinator