

DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD

MINUTES OF THE 1002TH MEETING, WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 4, 2020 AT 8:40 A.M, VIA ZOOM.

1. ROLL CALL:

The Designer Selection Board Meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rebecca Sherer, P.E., Chairwoman	Registered Engineer
Alan Ricks, AIA, Vice Chairman	Registered Architect
Jessica Tsymbal, AIA, LEED AP	Registered Architect (left at 10:10am)
Martha Blakey Smith, AIA	Registered Architect
Elise F. Woodward, AIA	Registered Architect
Ilyas Bhatti, P.E.	Registered Engineer
Daniel M. Carson, P.E.	Registered Engineer
David A. Chappell, P.E.	Registered Engineer
Kenneth Wexler	General Contractor
Janice M. Bergeron	Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Virginia Greiman	Public Member
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Present for the DSB staff, Bill Perkins, Executive Director, 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 1001th October 28, 2020 meeting by Kenneth Wexler, seconded by Daniel Carson. Motion was approved.

3. VISITORS:

MaKayla Allen	Nitsch
Walter Timility	Mass Senate
Jean Carroon	Goody Clancy
Catherine Hunt	Ellenzweig
Fiske Crowell	Sasaki
Abbie Goodman	The Engineering Center
Brenda Phan	Goody Clancy
Stephanie Beals	TSKP
Harold Levkowicz	HDR
Alexis Burck	SmithGroup
Rep Finn's Staff	MA House
Kristi Dowd	Stantec
Monica Meyerhoff	Rickes Associates
John Garcia	Linea 5
Elizabeth Minnis	DCAMM
Gordon Wrin	Mass.gov
Brian McKenna	Cannon Design
Irene Kang	Mass.gov
Andrea Baker	Cannon Design
Molly Moore	MDS
Marisa Sullivan	Studio G
Eva Crowley	Rickes Associates
Hannah Cane	Overunder
Mary Martin	Dyer Brown
Tracey O'Connor	SMMA
Matthew Cotton	SmithGroup
Madeline Howard	Elkus-Manfredi
Dan Arons	Perkins Eastman
Ganesh Ramachandran	DCAMM
Owen Salerno	DiMella Shaffer
Lindsey Luker	Gensler
Kelly Bliss	EYP
Danielle Santos	LBPA
Caitlin Daniels	CBI Consulting
Ann Keane	Civitects
Andrea Tarpley	EYP
Shannon Nehiley	Kliment-Halsband
Melanie Maddox	SmithGroup
Kathleen Porter	LBPA
Robert Hicks	Stantec

John Nunnari	Architects Org
Jessica Bell	FM Architecture
Monique Jankowski	Leslie Saul
Lateffa Curry	SLAM
Ella Halpine	Perry Dean
Joel Pettigrew	Shepley Bulfinch
Dominick Roveto	HDR
Miles McDonald	BVH
Justie Kubo	ICON
Liza Bouton	HMFH
Natalie Sawyer	Mass.gov
Stephanie Livolsi	Dore & Whittier
Kristina Kashanek	Jones Architecture
Lindsay Sabadosa	Lindsay Sabadosa
Thomas Iskra	BVH
Sarah Viafora	Sasaki
Joel Goodmonson	ARC
Kelly Stinnett	Arup
Katie Verra	MA Senate
Tracey Anderson	DCAMM
Celeste Soares	T2 Architecture
Anthony Preston	Mass.gov
Joan Eagleson	LBPA
Daniela Hernandez Beloso	Mass.gov
Robin Greenberg	Perkins Eastman
Rebecca Maloney	RFS Engineering
Aarathi Nirmalan	Cannon Design
Robin Greenleaf	ARC
Beth Eromin	DCAMM
George Takoudes	Goody Clancy
Sarah Felton	DCAMM
David Hoglund	Perkins Eastman
Katherine Murphy	Katherine Murphy
Janelli Aguilar	SmithGroup
Lara Neubauer	DREAM Collaborative
Jessica Brown	EDM
Danielle Santos	Danielle Santos
Leslie Saul	Leslie Saul
Alexandra Dorn	William Pevear
Annie Langlois	Sasaki
Melisa Kuronen	Ellenzweig
Paul Davey	Sasaki
Jennifer Shelby	ARC
Dan Mee	Klopfermartin
Robin Whitman	DCAMM
Valerie Puchades	Gund
Ika Chang	Ika Chang
Pamela Merrill	RFS Engineering
Pamela Perini, PSP	Pamela Perini
Tracy Marquis	Marquis Architecture
Joe Fazio	Mass.gov
Nick Koulbanis	SMMA
Jenny Burton	Mass.gov
Kara McLellan	Utile
Nandini Jain	Perry Dean
Vincent Fieg	DREAM Collaborative
Chad Reilly	HDR
Cheryl Lussier Poppe	Mass.gov
Jessica Knapp	DiMella Shaffer
Jess Charlap	Perkins Eastman
Rebecca Berry	FAA Inc.
Alison Faecher	SmithGroup
Paul Moran	Mass.gov
Philippa Gonatas	Goody Clancy
James Nadeau	Arup

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Request for Emergency Selection: DSB List #20-19, #HLY2102, Soldiers' Home Holyoke Long-Term Care Facility and Campus Framework

In accordance with the 811 CMR 3.03 DCAMM requested that the Designer Selection Board select 3 or more finalists from firms with active DSB master files who have previously applied for projects of similar nature. The Board reviewed applications from similar projects (Prime only - resumes, project experience and section #10) for the following firms. Below are comments from the Board:

Cannon (finalist from Soldiers' Home Chelsea) – Some of the diversity consultants are listed as alternates. Cannon has a strong in-house healthcare planner. They are detailed on their approach and in-house capabilities were impressive.

Gensler (finalist from Healthcare House Doctor) – A strong proposal and the Board appreciated seeing the evidence of design. One member was concerned about the lack of VA experience which is a critical criterion.

Lavallee Brensinger (finalist from Soldiers' Home Chelsea) – Much of their veteran's work has been done with another firm. This is a collaboration with SFCS and is unclear if they can still have this collaboration going forward with this project. They seemed to have a long-term relationship and have done healthcare projects together. A matrix was submitted showing graphically how they would share responsibility for the tasks needed.

Margulies Peruzzi (withdrew from consideration) (finalist from Healthcare House Doctor)
Shepley Bulfinch (withdrew from consideration) (finalist from Healthcare House Doctor)

Payette (finalist from Healthcare House Doctor) – The firm has relevant projects of which they highlight the rapid planning study. The PIC seems well versed in Veterans Affairs projects. This is a very strong proposal and team. It was noted that they have a project listed in terms of budget in the same range.

Perkins Eastman (finalist from Soldiers' Home Chelsea) – This was a very strong proposal. The principal is in Pittsburgh and the Board was not sure if that would be an issue, which could be confirmed if selected for interview.

SmithGroup (finalist from Healthcare House Doctor) – This firm is very versed in healthcare and has healthcare experience nationally. It was noted that one of the key team members updated the VA standards. It was unclear whether this team has the experience for Holyoke.

Stantec (finalist from Healthcare House Doctor) – The firm does not have experience with VA but the two persons listed do have experience but are not registered in Massachusetts.

All of these candidates are very strong and are all capable to perform this emergency project.

The Board requested DCAMM to have the following items addressed during the interview process:

- Show the relationship between the in-house and out-sourced roles and how they will work together
- A very strong indication on how they are fulfilling the MBE and WBE participation especially if it is a shared responsibility.
- What is the range of project budgets of their experience (lower and upper limit), size and budget
- Evidence of demonstrated experience that the firm can meet the schedule.
- Evidence of successful project delivery
- Knowledge of the procedures of the VA
- Collaborating firms: detail their relationship and how the work will be shared

Ganesh Ramachandran, DCAMM Sr. Project Manager along with other DCAMM representatives and state officials explained the project emergency at the Soldiers Home Holyoke. The Board voted to exercise its authority to approve the emergency selection for the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke and selected the following (3) three firms to be interviewed by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance:

Payette
Perkins Eastman
SmithGroup

On a motion to select the above firms for the emergency project at Soldiers' Home Holyoke by Janice Bergeron, seconded by David Chappell. Motion was approved.

The Board requested that DCAMM report on the sub-consultants teams,, the question proposed to each interviewee, presentation from the firm, and general synopsis of the firm's response to the questions proposed to them. Please let Bill know the interview date and schedule a short meeting of the Board once information is received.

B. DSB List #20-12, DCPDHE20, Study, Planning, Design & Construction for Higher Education Facilities, Statewide, House Doctor, Fee: \$3,000,000, 60 Applicants

Sarah Felton, DCAMM Project Manager was present to explain the project and answer questions from the Board. DCAMM requested the Board select 12 firms for this project.

Review of the first twenty-two (22) of the sixty (60) applications resulted in determination that two (2) of the applicants had failed to meet the following requirements and could not be considered for this project:

Dumont Janks, LLC did not meet the Massachusetts Ownership Requirements. On a motion to disqualify Dumont Janks, LLC by Elise Woodward, seconded by Daniel Carson. Motion was approved.

EYP Architecture did not meet the Massachusetts Ownership Requirements. On a motion to disqualify EYP Architecture by Elise Woodward, seconded by Daniel Carson. Motion was approved.

The following applications were reviewed by the Board and were responsive to the criteria in the advertisement for this project.

Below are comments from the Board:

Elise acknowledged that she has worked with many architects and engineers in these proposals in her professional life and that this situation exists for many of the Board members. This would not be considered a conflict of interest.

A member asked if DCAMM had a goal as to large firms vs. small firms. DCAMM does not have a goal. The scale of these projects is mostly renovation work but may include small additions.

AECOM USA of Massachusetts – They have relevant experience but should have been more specific to the criteria questions. The PIC was not on some of the featured projects mentioned in the application.

Ann Beha Architects – They had excellent references. Their Team composition and diversity were strong. More specific detail would have strengthened the proposal.

Bargmann Hendrie Archetype – They had a team with good diversity. For their relevant projects they were relying on the part of their sub-consultants. The resumes showed lists and should have been written to show detailed expertise with a few selected projects.

Beyer Blinder Belle – This is a New York based firm with a local office. They have very strong evaluations and the proposed team includes Massachusetts firms. The diversity statement was quite good. A member questioned if this is a good fit for this house doctor project.

Cambridge Seven – They have good DCAMM experience and strong evaluations. They provided a clear diversity statement. It was a solid application.

Cannon Boston – A couple of members thought it was unclear how much partnership would be shared with the diverse team. Other members thought their diversity statement was good. This was a well-prepared proposal, successful in the new format.

CBI Consulting – They seem to focus on building envelope projects, which is well suited for house doctor type work. The evaluations were good. This was a good application.

Civitects – They had great recommendations with specific comments. Their work listed is similar to this type of house doctor contract. They had a decent Section #10. This is a strong application.

CSS Architects, Inc. – Resumes were helpful and very detailed. Section #10 could have been developed better to be easily navigated to the responses.

Design Lab Architects – This was a nicely prepared proposal. They did a nice job describing the various components of the response, their philosophy and action they have taken; this was very effective.

DiMella Shaffer Associates – They did good job presenting their resumes. They showed strong design. One member thought the resumes lacked detail. Their supplemental response was good.

Dore & Whittier Architects – The references were very strong. The diversity statement was thoughtful and complete. The resumes did not show much experience, more boiler plate, but detail was shown in the experience section.

DREAM Collaborative – They have very good references. The resumes are well laid out and descriptive. They showed relevant experience with the work they would be performing. Their team is very fluent in higher education and did a wonderful job responding to the criteria.

Dyer Brown Architects – They have good references and significant higher education experience.

Edgewood Design Architecture – Small firm based in Weymouth with excellent references and experience on each of the team members. Supplemental responses could have been more tailored to the evaluation criteria. This seems like a firm trying to grow and expand and could benefit with assistance to make a better application.

Edm Services – The references were very good. This is a western Massachusetts firm. They have a lot of strong experience with higher education.

Edward Rowse – They did a good job with the application but were a little light on their resumes. They have more experience with K-12 than higher education experience.

Elkus Manfredi Architects – This is a well assembled proposal. The supplemental material was a little boiler plate.

Ellenzweig – This was an excellent proposal showing great experience in labs. It is well developed with a detailed supplemental response section to the evaluation criteria.

Fennick McCredie Architecture – This was another well-developed proposal showing specific knowledge with response to the evaluation criteria.

The remainder of the 40 applications will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting.

C. Transition for Chair/Vice Chair will be discussed at the next meeting

5. **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** The Board adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

On a motion to adjourn the meeting of November 4, 2020 by Kenneth Wexler, seconded by Daniel Carson. Motion was approved.

6. **NEXT MEETING:**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. via ZOOM

Submitted by: Claire G. Hester

Approved by: Rebecca Shaver