

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT SERVICES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 8, 2005

MINUTES

Members Present:

Acting Chairman: William J. Anderson

Public Member: Gerry Bedrick

Agency Representative: Paul M. DePace, P.E., Associate Director
>Office of Capital Projects, University of Rhode Island (URI):

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman. Minutes of the A/E/CS Selection Committee meeting of May 25, 2005 were approved by G. Bedrick and W. Anderson. The following agenda items were addressed and voted upon by the Committee:

1. University of Rhode Island (URI): (9:09 a.m.)

RFP #B04833 – Program Management Services – Campus Development,
Kingston Campus
Voting Members: W.Anderson, G. Bedrick, P. DePace
Cost: \$3,312,661

P. DePace noted that the purpose of this RFP is to hire a firm to provide program management services, a program that is similar to the construction manager/owner's agent approach, to assist the university in managing both pre-construction and construction services in the development of the section of the Kingston Campus known as the "North District." All bid packages will be advertised through the Division of Purchases' website and the university will hold all the individual contracts.

The project will include managing the construction of the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences and assisting in the planning of the new science/health science quadrangle in the North District. This new quadrangle will include a new College of Pharmacy, a new chemistry building and a new associated health building and is contingent upon the approval of a 2006 bond referendum.

Mr. DePace stated that qualifications and experience of the firm counted for 80% of the evaluation and cost proposals counted for 20%. Five proposals were received. Based upon document review, experience of the firm, and criteria in the RFP, two firms were sufficiently qualified to open the cost proposals: Gilbane Building Company and Skanska. Gilbane Building Company presented a cost proposal close to \$600,000 lower than that presented by Skanska. Both firms were interviewed, and the university is recommending Gilbane Building Company. A lengthy discussion followed concerning the cost proposal, and the benefits of the program manager approach combined with competitive bidding of the individual contracts.

Recommendation: Upon a motion made by Mr. Bedrick, seconded by Mr. DePace and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Architectural/ Engineering/ Consultant Services Selection Committee (A/E/CS/SC) accepts the recommendation of the University of Rhode Island's Technical Review Subcommittee, as approved by the Vice President for Administration, and sends forward to the Director of Administration for her consideration the single name of Gilbane Building Company, the most responsive and responsible of the 5 firms that responded to the RFP. (9:35 a.m.)

2. Department of Education (RIDE): (9:40 a.m.)

LOI #B05098 – Special Education Technical Assistance

Voting Members: W. Anderson, G. Bedrick, T. DiPaola

Cost: \$5,018,247.58 over five years (1 yr. contract w/option to renew additional 4 yrs.)

T. DiPaola and C. Bilotti presented this item. Thomas DiPaola, Ph.D., Director, Office of Special Populations, noted that one of the responsibilities of this office is the education of children with disabilities. Under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the state must provide to school districts in Rhode Island training, technical assistance and professional development to ensure that the most current and effective practices related to the education of children with disabilities are being utilized.

The purpose of this LOI is to hire a vendor to assist the department in implementing a comprehensive system of personnel development that includes pre-service (undergraduate and graduate training of special education teachers, as well as general education teachers, who will be educating children with disabilities); a continuing education component; publications; and information on the web for educators and parents. A requirement of this comprehensive system is a close connection with an institution of higher education that is doing the work of training teachers.

Three proposals were received; two from Rhode Island College utilizing different lead investigators and a third from a national firm, Maximus. The Agency is recommending the Rhode Island College proposal with Barrie Grossi as principal investigator. The three member technical review subcommittee evaluated the proposals individually, then met as a group to do a compilation. In the individual scoring, the rankings of the proposals were quite similar. The Grossi proposal had the best alignment of expertise, the relationship with higher education, with what the agency described as their deliverables. Cost proposals were also close with Maximus offering the lowest cost; Maximus, however, included 10% in their budget for out of state travel.

Mr. Bedrick asked how the Agency will monitor the deliverables under this contract. Dr. DiPaola answered that there is a lead person for each component of the work, and the department will meet monthly with the principals involved.

Mr. Bedrick asked if the cost is what the department thought it would be. Dr. DiPaola answered that, although he had hoped funding would be higher, the cost is what was anticipated.

Recommendation: Upon a motion made by Mr. Bedrick, seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Architectural/ Engineering/ Consultant Services Selection Committee (A/E/CS/SC) accepts the recommendation of the Department of Education's Technical Review Subcommittee, as approved by the Commissioner, and sends forward to the Director of Administration for her consideration the single name of Rhode Island College – Principal Investigator, Barrie Grossi, the most responsive and responsible of the 3 firms that responded to the LOI. (9:56 a.m.)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Bedrick, seconded by C. Bilotti and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Gail M. Walsh
Recording Secretary

Supporting documentation is on file at the Division of Purchases.