

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING/CONSULTANT SERVICES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 24, 2005

MINUTES

Members Present:

Acting Chairman: William J. Anderson

Public Member: Gerry Bedrick

Agency Representative: David Uliss, Ph.D., Chief, Forensic Sciences
>Department of Health (DOH):

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by the Chairman. Minutes of the A/E/CS Selection Committee meeting of August 10, 2005 were approved by G. Bedrick and W. Anderson. The following agenda items were addressed and voted upon by the Committee:

1. Department of Health (DOH): (9:05 a.m.)

LOI #B03490 – Forensic Casework DNA Analysis
Voting Members: W.Anderson, G. Bedrick, D. Uliss
Cost: \$200,000

D. Uliss noted that this project is funded through a grant from the National Institute of Justice. The purpose of this project is to hire a firm to perform DNA analysis on two hundred old cases that could be prosecuted based on the findings of these analyses.

Five responses were received; three were highly qualified to perform the scope of work. Based on the costs proposals, the three remaining vendors were scored very closely.

Recommendation: Upon a motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bedrick and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Architectural/ Engineering/ Consultant Services Selection Committee (A/E/CS/SC) accepts the recommendation of the Department of Health's Technical Review Subcommittee, as approved by the Director, and sends forward to the Director of Administration for her consideration the single name of ReliaGene Technologies, Inc., the most responsive and responsible of the 5 firms that responded to the LOI. (9:15 a.m.)

2. Executive/Militia of the State: (9:18 a.m.)

RFP #B05355 – Port Security Wireless Communications Network
Voting Members: W. Anderson, G. Bedrick, J. Riendeau
Cost: \$803,814

J. Riendeau (RI Economic Development Corporation), G. Friedman (RI Emergency Management Agency), and F. Floor (RI Department of Environmental Management) presented this item.

J. Riendeau noted that this is a Department of Homeland Security grant. A management team was created consisting of RI Emergency Management Agency, Department of Environmental Management, RI Economic Development Corporation, and Department of Administration, Information Technology. The purpose of the grant was to provide funding for an experimental demonstration project dealing with spacial issues, such as wireless technology. The management team's proposal was one of four to be awarded in the wireless technology category. It was unique in that it was the sole project to demonstrate over the water for the purpose of federal, state and local interoperability for a common incident management situation in Narragansett Bay. The goals of the project are to demonstrate text, voice, video, data sharing capability across a wireless network, a voiceover IP system to be accessed via internet, and then to build that infrastructure.

Eight proposals were received; two were non-responsive. Mr. Riendeau explained the strengths and weaknesses of each proposal, and a lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Riendeau noted that Smith's Detection is a very large Virginia-based company with excellent experience in this area, and they brought interesting collaborators to the table including local firms such as LiveWave and Raytheon. They will utilize RI-WINS (Rhode Island Wireless Innovation Network) that is a state initiative designed to provide border to border wireless coverage. The Department of Administration, Division of Information Technology, had suggested incorporating a portion of RI-WINS into this RFP. This was done and 5 points were awarded out of the total 100.

Recommendation: Upon a motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bedrick and unanimously approved by the Committee, the Architectural/ Engineering/ Consultant Services Selection Committee (A/E/CS/SC) accepts the recommendation of the Executive Department/Militia of the State's Technical Review Subcommittee, as approved by the Director, and sends forward to the Director of Administration for her consideration the single name of Smith's Detection, the most responsive and responsible of the 8 firms that responded to the RFP. (9:43 a.m.)

Upon a motion made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Bedrick and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Gail M. Walsh
Recording Secretary

Supporting documentation is on file at the Division of Purchases.