Action Item - Approval of Designer Selection

FAC – 2    Foust Building Electrical Upgrades- Phase II

Background Information

This Capital project’s scope will be to modernize electrical system building wide by upgrading panels and individual circuits from the recently completed new electrical service. Work will be scheduled to occur in each building area separately to accommodate individual departmental calendars.

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT BUDGET: $1,850,000 (to be confirmed through design)
AVAILABLE FUNDING: $515,000 (for Design Services only)

The request for qualifications and letters of interest for design services for this project was advertised on the North Carolina General Administration website, and ten (10) firms submitted letters of interest, one (1) of which was from Guilford County.

The Designer Pre-Selection Committee reviewed the letters of interest and invited the following three (3) firms to an interview on November 23, 2020 to present their qualifications and recommends the following ranking order:

1. SKA Consulting Engineers, Greensboro, NC
2. Sigma Engineered Solutions, PA, Morrisville, NC

The firm, SKA Consulting Engineers from Greensboro, NC is recommended as the Designer for the following reasons:

1. SKA is a local firm and responded to all selection criteria and was the only firm to provide HUB participation during the design phase. The team also included the preservation architect who studied the historic aspect for the initial design study of the Foust Electrical Upgrades Phase I project.
2. The SKA project team provided the most relevant examples of similar projects and presented details that may be used to solve similar issues to those expected to be encountered on this project.
3. SKA illustrated the best understanding of user needs, the level of service and the detail needed to phase the project’s construction activities.

Based on the above information, the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro approves the firm of SKA Consulting Engineers, Greensboro, NC. If agreeable terms cannot be met with the recommended firm, then the Board authorizes the administration to negotiate terms with the other firms in ranking order.

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