Information Item

FAC-9  Direct Selection of Designer - Bestway Condensation, Refrigeration, and Meat Room Repair

Background Information

At the September 29, 2022, meeting, the UNC Greensboro Board of Trustees authorized the Direct Selection of a designer for the Bestway repair project based on requests for qualifications.

The project seeks to correct conditioning issues identified within the Bestway Marketplace located with the Shops at Spartan Village. Repeated equipment failure and humidity problems have resulted in condensation within the space. We must address the deficiencies to prevent product loss and avoid potential safety issues. Facility studies have identified problems surrounding condensation and refrigeration, as well as corrective measures associated with proper meat preparation room construction. The project's scope is to replace refrigeration equipment, modify mechanical systems, add controls, and address the meat preparation room deficiencies.

Project Cost: $478,953

At the December 6, 2013, meeting, the UNC Greensboro Board of Trustees authorized the Chancellor, ex-officio, to appoint architects and engineers for projects with authorized funding of $2,000,000 or less and authorized the Chancellor to report all such appointments to the Board at its next meeting.

The staff at UNCG invited the following firms to submit their letter of interest and qualifications for this project. The Designer Selection Committee reviewed the letters of interest and recommended the following in ranking order.

1. DeVita & Associates, Charlotte, NC
2. Schultz Engineering Group, Charlotte, NC
3. Little Architectural Consulting (non-responsive)

The Selection Committee recommended the engineering firm DeVita & Associates as the Designer for the following reasons:
1. DeVita & Associates assembled the most comprehensive team to address the project's requirements.
2. They illustrated the most extensive experience working with the University and on State projects. They provided several examples of past projects that most closely align with the characteristics of our project.
3. They demonstrated successful management of costs and schedules across private and UNC System projects.

Attachment:

9.1 Signed Memorandum from Robert J. Shea, Jr. to Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. regarding the Bestway Condensation, Refrigeration, and Meat Room Repair project (see below)

Based on the above information, the Chancellor appointed the selected firm of DeVita & Associates as the Designer for the Bestway Condensation, Refrigeration, and Meat Room Repair project.

Robert J. Shea, Jr.
Vice Chancellor for
Finance and Administration
MEMORANDUM

TO: Chancellor Gilliam
FROM: Robert J. Shea, Jr. [RA 11/11/22]
DATE: November 11, 2022
RE: Bestway Condensation, Refrigeration, Meat Room Repair

At the December 6, 2013, meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board authorized the Chancellor, ex-officio, to appoint architects and engineers for projects whose authorized funding is $2,000,000 or less and authorized the Chancellor to report all such appointments to the Board at its next meeting.

After July 1, 2007, in keeping with legislation under Session Law 2007-446 (HB 73), appointment of architects and engineers for projects may be made without public advertising and interview, for projects under $500,000. All such appointments shall be by the Chancellor and reported to the Board at its next meeting.

The total budget of $478,953 for Bestway Condensation, Refrigeration, Meat Room Repair will be within the $2,000,000 threshold for Projects. The firm Devita & Associates, Charlotte, NC is recommended as the designer to perform the Bestway Condensation, Refrigeration, Meat Room Repair, for the following reasons:

1. Devita & Associates assembled the most comprehensive team to specifically address the project's requirements.
2. They illustrated the most extensive experience working with the University and on State projects. They provided several examples of past projects that most closely align with the characteristics of our project.
3. They most clearly demonstrated successful management of costs and schedules across both private and UNC System projects.

A formal reporting of our procedures and your selection will be made at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees. Please acknowledge your approval of the firm Devita & Associates by your signature below.

Approved: [Signature]  Date: 11/16/22