

Resolution 2023-24: 36
Phase IIIA Architect Selection

By Board Member Ronald Gaither

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (“Act”) established the Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board (“RJSCB” or “Board”), a seven voting member board consisting of equal representation by the City of Rochester (“City”) and the Rochester City School District (“District”), as well as a member jointly selected by the City and the District; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the RJSCB has certain enumerated powers to act as agent for the District, the City, or both; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Act by enacting Chapter 533 of the Laws of 2014 (“Amended Act”), thereby providing alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 26 projects for a total cost of \$435,000,000 for Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Amended Act by enacting Chapter 614 of the Laws of 2021 (“Second Amended Act”) to authorize additional oversight, transparency, and accountability by the New York State Education Department to ensure projects are completed on time and within budget, and to provide alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 12 projects for a total cost of \$475,000,000 for Phase III; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB Chair and the Program Manager have determined a need for Architectural/Engineering (“A/E”) Services to assist the RJSCB and District in complying with the requirements of Phase III of the RSMP; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB issued a request for proposals (the “RFP”) for A/E Services in connection with renovation and addition projects for the following Phase IIIA school projects: MLK School #9 and Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB received two proposals for the MLK School #9 Project and three proposals for the Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School Project as of the date and time specified in the RFP, and promptly distributed those proposals to the RJSCB members constituting the RJSCB Selection Committee, representatives from the District’s facilities group and the Independent Compliance Officer (the “ICO”); and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB Selection Committee, Program Manager and the ICO extensively reviewed the submitted proposals from all five firms and thereafter interviews were conducted by the RJSCB Selection Committee and Program Manager on May 20, 2024 for the MLK School #9 Project and on May 24, 2024 for the Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School Project; and

WHEREAS, after due deliberation by the RJSCB Selection Committee, the following firms were identified as being highly qualified and fiscally responsive to the RJSCB’s RFP for the specific projects set forth below:

MLK School #9	Watts Architects and Engineers
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Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School	SWBR Architecture, Engineering & Landscape Architecture, D.P.C.
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WHEREAS, on May 28, 2024, the Selection Committee and Program Manager provided their recommendations regarding the award of A/E Services contracts for the MLK School #9 Project and the Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School Project as set forth above; and

WHEREAS, the Board discussed and duly considered the recommendations for the award of contracts for A/E Services for the Phase IIIA Projects at its regular Board meeting on June 10, 2024, and now acts as follows.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RJSCB hereby approves the above-named firms to provide Architectural/Engineering Services as indicated above for the two school projects in Phase IIIA of the RSMP; and
2. Upon approval of the Phase III Strategic Plan by the State Education Department, the Chair is hereby authorized, in the name and on behalf of the RJSCB, to execute and deliver individual agreements with each firm named above in substantially the form previously approved by the RJSCB as an attachment to the RFP, with such changes as the Chair may approve (his signature thereon being conclusive evidence of such approval) on the advice of the Program Manager, the ICO and the RJSCB's general counsel.

Second by Board Member: Jacob Scott

Adopted: 7-0