

Resolution 2011-12: 61
Master Plan Update and Retaining of SWBR

By Board Chair Ken Bell

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (“the Act”) established the Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board (“RJSCB”), 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 RJSCB hired SWBR Architects (“SWBR”) (Resolution 2010-11: 8) to create a comprehensive Facilities Modernization Plan (“FMP” or “Master Plan”) in August of 2010; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB subsequently approved the Master Plan prepared by SWBR in January of 2011 (Resolution 2010-11: 29) and directed the Program Manager to forward it to the State Education Department (“SED”) and to the State Comptroller for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan was subsequently approved by SED and the State Comptroller in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB now believes it is necessary to evaluate the progress to date of Phase I of the Rochester School Modernization Program (“RSMP”), and begin to prepare for future phases of the RSMP by updating the original Master Plan, including a district wide strategic plan (“Strategic Plan”), buildings infrastructure review, long range program evaluations including the K-8 model program, and a district wide capacity study; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Superintendent has requested that the Program Manager begin the update of the Master Plan and assist the District in the further development of the long range District Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, as the consultant hired by the RJSCB to create the original Master Plan, SWBR has significant experience and knowledge regarding the District’s school buildings, their infrastructure, and their use, and there should be cost savings to the RJSCB in continuing to retain SWBR given their experience and knowledge and SWBR’s use of the same Master Plan team headed by architect Steve Rebholz; and

WHEREAS, based on the above factors, the RJSCB believes that a competitive bid for these services or a request for proposal for this specific scope of work will not produce significant cost savings or provide an overall benefit to the RSMP projects; and

WHEREAS, SWBR has provided a proposed scope of work to update the original Master Plan and that such services would be an additional service under SWBR’s contract with the RJSCB dated August 10, 2010 (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB’s Program Manager has recommended to the RJSCB’s MWBE and Services Procurement Committee (“the Committee”) that the RJSCB proceed with the updating of the original Master Plan and that SWBR be retained by amendment to the Agreement to perform these services; and

WHEREAS, the Committee considered and discussed the Program Manager’s recommendation at its January 5, 2012 meeting to update the Master Plan and to retain SWBR for these services, and after due deliberation, it approved updating the Master Plan and the retaining of SWBR as the best qualified firm to perform these services based on their prior work on the original Master Plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RJSCB hereby approves the updating of the Comprehensive Facilities Modernization Plan.
2. SWBR Architects shall be retained to perform the Master Plan update services as an amendment to their existing Agreement.
3. The RJSCB's Chair is hereby authorized in the name and on behalf of the RJSCB, to negotiate and finalize an amendment to the Agreement that is consistent with this approval and in an acceptable form to the Chair upon the advice of the Program Manager and the RJSCB's general counsel, and that such amendment with a final scope of work and a total cost for this scope of work will be further considered by the Committee at a subsequent meeting.
4. The Officers of the RJSCB are hereby authorized and directed for and on behalf of the RJSCB and in its name to do all acts and things required or as may be necessary, or in the opinion of the officer so acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and to cause compliance by the RJSCB with all of the provisions of the foregoing resolutions.

Second by Board Member Pifer

Approved 5-0 with Members Castro and Underwood away