

Resolution 2012-13: 123

RJSCB Participation in the City of Rochester RFP for Financial Auditing Services

By Board Chair Giess

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (“School Modernization 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 School Modernization Act, the RJSCB has certain enumerated powers to act as agent for the District, the City, or both; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB’s Treasurer has recommended that the RJSCB participate with the City and the District in a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) by the City for financial auditing services, beginning 2012-2013; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB is considered a blended component of the District’s budget which is a part of the overall City’s budget, and there are efficiencies in having the same firm perform both the RJSCB’s, the District’s, and the City’s annual financial audits; and

WHEREAS, the City’s contract with the current audit firm comes to an end this year and it has finalized the language for a new RFP to be issued for the financial auditing services; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB’s Executive Director has worked with the RJSCB’s general counsel, the City, and the District to coordinate the appropriate language to be included in the RFP document; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB’s portion of the RFP will be bid as a separate line item so that the RJSCB can review the cost and determine if its audit should be included in the final award of the financial auditing services; and

WHEREAS, the RFP language will specifically include an “opt out” clause allowing the RJSCB if it so elects to retain a different audit firm after the initial 3 year term; and

WHEREAS, at the February 28, 2013 meeting of the MWBE and Services Procurement Committee (“Committee”), the Committee considered and discussed the recommendation of the RJSCB’s Treasurer and the Executive Director that the RJSCB participate in the City’s RFP for financial auditing services, and after due deliberation, it was agreed to forward this action to the full Board for review and approval;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RJSCB hereby agrees to participate in the City’s RFP for financial auditing services; and
2. The RJSCB reserves the right to withdraw from the City’s RFP prior to award if the costs are determined to be prohibitive or for any other reason as determined by the RJSCB.

Second by Member Brown

Approved 6-0 with Member Castro away