

Resolution 2012-13: 164
RJSCB Participation in City of Rochester Award 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 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 the RJSCB’s, the District’s, and the City’s annual financial audits; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the RJSCB’s portion of the RFP was 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 City received three proposal responses to the RFP on the date specified in the RFP, and promptly provided copies to the RJSCB’s Executive Director for review; and

WHEREAS, the City, the District, and the RJSCB participated in a proposal review meeting on March 22, 2013, where details of each proposal were discussed along with the qualifications of each firm; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB’s Executive Director recommended to the RJSCB MWBE and Services Procurement Committee (the “Committee”) on March 28, 2013, that the RJSCB support the City and District’s decision to award based on the merits and qualifications of the best firm, although it may mean that the specific pricing included for the RJSCB’s work may not be the lowest price; and

WHEREAS, the City and District have identified the firm Freed Maxick & Battaglia as the most qualified firm to provide the requested financial auditing services, and have further negotiated the final pricing with Freed Maxick & Battaglia with the intent to bring a recommendation to the City Council and the Board of Education in the month of April 2013; and

WHEREAS, the costs for the RJSCB's portion of work are as follows:

2013 = \$7,525

2014 = \$7,525

2015 = \$7,725

2016 (optional) = \$8,000

2017 (optional) = \$8,300;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RJSCB hereby agrees to participate in the City's award for financial auditing services as it relates to the RJSCB to the firm Freed Maxick & Battaglia for an initial three year term, with two optional one year extensions; and
2. The RJSCB agrees to either: 1 – reimburse the City as invoices are paid by the City for work associated with the RJSCB or 2 – pay the financial auditing firm directly for work associated with the RJSCB; and
3. The RJSCB reserves the right to withdraw from the City's award following the initial three year term for any reason as determined by the RJSCB.

Second by Member Brown

Approved 5-0 with Members Castro and Pifer away