

Resolution 2015-16: 146

Rejection of Proposals and Re-issue RFP for Legal Services – Phase 2

By Board Member Benincasa

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 authorizing legislation for Phase 2 of the Rochester Schools Modernization Program (“RSMP”) was signed into law by the Governor of the State of New York on December 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the amended Act authorized up to 26 projects in Phase 2 of the RSMP including a District Wide Technology program which involves technology upgrades and infrastructure work at several of the possible projects; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB’s Program Manager prepared a request for proposals for general legal services for the RJSCB and its representatives for the duration of Phase 2 (the “RFP”); and

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2016, the RJSCB’s Executive Director received one proposal per the deadline stipulated in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, at its monthly meeting on March 7, 2016, the RJSCB discussed the RFP and subsequently concluded that although the RFP had been posted and advertised in multiple print and online outlets, there was not ample exposure of the RFP to gain sufficient awareness from local law firms; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB wishes to re-issue the RFP for Phase 2 legal services as it is in the best interest of the public, the project, and the RJSCB;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RJSCB hereby rejects all proposals received for the original Phase 2 legal services RFP under the RJSCB’s contractual right to do so; and
2. The RFP for legal services for Phase 2 is approved for re-issuance; and
3. The MWBE and Services Procurement Committee is authorized on behalf of the RJSCB, with the advice and recommendations of the Program Manager, to review the Phase 2 RFP responses, select finalists, conduct interviews of the law firm finalists along with other RJSCB board members, and recommend to the RJSCB the most qualified candidates.

Second by Board Member Brown

Approved 6-0