

Resolution 2015-16: 158
Phase 2B – Architectural Services RFP

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 Board of Education (“BOE”) has approved the comprehensive Master Plan for Phase 2 (BOE Resolution 2015-16: 630); and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has identified and confirmed several projects for Phase 2 of the RSMP for which the District would like the RJSCB to begin design work immediately in advance of the New York State Education Department and New York State Comptroller’s approval of the comprehensive Master Plan for Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, these projects include: School 1, School Without Walls, Freddie Thomas, and Edison Technology Campus; and

WHEREAS, it is understood by the District, the City, and the RJSCB that the future BAN provided by the City would reimburse the funds advanced by the District for the design work associated with Phase 2 projects and to engage other professional service firms to begin Phase 2 planning and coordination work; and

WHEREAS, the City will be reimbursed for its BAN from the Phase 2 bond proceeds (anticipated to occur in the winter of 2017) following approval of the Phase 2 Master Plan by the New York State Education Department and New York State Comptroller; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB’s Program Manager is preparing a request for proposals for architectural services, renovation and addition projects for Phase 2B (the “RFP”), which was discussed by the RJSCB’s MWBE and Services Procurement Committee (the “Committee”) at its April 28, 2016 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Program Manager has recommended that in addition to the RJSCB’s process for publicly advertising and posting RFP information, that the RFP be issued directly to those firms who participated in Phase 1 of the RSMP;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RFP for architectural services for the following Phase 2B Schools School 1, School Without Walls, Freddie Thomas, and Edison Technology Campus is approved for issuance pending final review by the Board’s general counsel; and

2. 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 2B RFP responses, select finalists, conduct interviews of the architect finalists along with other RJSCB board members, and recommend to the RJSCB the most qualified candidates.

Second by Board Member A. Williams

Approved 5-0 with Chair Richards and Member Schmidt away