Resolution 2015-16: 82 RFP for Architectural Services – Phase 2A Schools

By Board Member B. Brown

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 Superintendent has identified and confirmed several projects for Phase 2 of the RSMP for which the District would like the RSJCB to begin design work immediately, in parallel to the work being done on the Master Plan for Phase 2, and in advance of formal Board of Education and New York State Comptroller approval; and

WHEREAS, these projects include: School 16, School 7, and Franklin High School; 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 at Monroe High School, School 15, and East High School (the Early Start Projects), as well as provide the interim financing necessary to begin other Phase 2 project designs and to engage other professional service firms to begin Phase 2 planning and coordination work; and

WHERERAS, the City will be reimbursed for its BAN from the Phase 2 bond proceeds (anticipated to occur in the summer of 2016) following approval of the Phase 2 Master Plan by the Board of Education and approval of the first group of projects in Phase 2 by the New York State Education Department; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB's Program Manager has prepared a request for proposals for architectural services, renovation and addition projects for Phase 2A (the "RFP"), which was discussed and considered by the RJSCB's MWBE and Services Procurement Committee (the "Committee") at its December 14, 2015 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 including:

Cannon Design
Chaintreuil Jensen Stark Architects
Clark Patterson Lee
JCJ Architecture
LaBella Associates
SEI Design Group
SWBR Architects
Young + Wright Architectural

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The RFP for architectural services for the following Phase 2A Schools School 16, School 7, and Franklin High School 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 2A 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 Schmidt Approved 6-0