

Resolution 2017-18: 183

Contract Award: Phase 3 Master Planning Support Services

By Board Member Benincasa

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (“the School Modernization Act”) established the Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board (“RJSCB” or “Board”), 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 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 (the “Amended Act”); and

WHEREAS, the School Modernization Act calls for the calls for the development of comprehensive school facilities modernization plans for Phase and Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB approved a comprehensive Facilities Modernization Plan (“FMP” or “Master Plan”) in January 2011, which was subsequently approved by the State Education Department (“SED”) and the State Comptroller in May 2011; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB authorized the Master Plan update in January/February 2012, and the Board of Education approved the Master Plan update in March 2013; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB authorized the Master Plan update for Phase 2 of the RSMP in August 2014, and the Board of Education approved Phase 2 Master Plan in March 2016; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB, upon the recommendation of its Program Manager, determined a need for Master Planning Support Services to assist the RJSCB and District in the further development of the long range District Strategic Plan for Phase 3 of the RSMP including a District-Wide strategic plan, buildings infrastructure review, long range program evaluations and a District-Wide capacity study; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2018, the RJSCB issued a request for proposal (“RFP”) for Master Planning Support Services to assist the RJSCB and District in the further development of the long range District Strategic Plan for Phase 3 of the RSMP including a District-Wide strategic plan, buildings infrastructure review, long range program evaluations and a District-Wide capacity study (Resolution 2017-18: 146); and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB’s Program Manager subsequently received two responses to the RFP as of the date and time specified in the RFP and promptly distributed the proposal to the RJSCB; and

WHEREAS, a selection committee made up of representatives of the RJSCB, the Program Director, the Independent Compliance Officer and representatives of the Program Manager interviewed the two responding firms; and

WHEREAS, following the selection committee interviews, the Program Manager identified Watts Architecture and Engineering as the best candidate for the Master Planning Support Services based upon its qualifications, experience, ability to meet the demands and staffing for such services, and the cost of services; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB considered the recommendation from the Program Manager to award the contract of Master Planning Support Services to Watts Architecture and Engineering at its meeting on May 7, 2018, and after due deliberation, it approved the recommendation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RJSCB hereby awards the contract for Phase 3 Master Planning Support Services to Watts Architecture and Engineering contingent upon the passage of legislation for Phase 3 of the RSMP by the New York State Legislature during the New York State Legislative Session ending June 20, 2018 and the signing of such legislation into law by the Governor of the State of New York; and
2. The RJSCB Program Manager is hereby authorized, in the name and on behalf of the RJSCB, to negotiate and an agreement with the firm named above, in consultation with the RJSCB Chair and its general counsel, for approval and execution by the Chair on behalf of the RJSCB.

Second by Board Member Cruz

Approved 7-0