

**Resolution 2018-19: 17**

**Phase 3 Master Planning Support Services – Schedule Revision**

**By Board Member Brown**

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 awarded the Master Planning Support Services to Watts Architecture and Engineering at its meeting on May 7, 2018 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

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the legislation for Phase 3 of the RSMP may not be introduced until the next legislative session scheduled to commence on January 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Phase III Act will require the Superintendent of Schools and/or her Designee to submit comprehensive draft plans to the RJSCB recommending and outlining the projects to be included in Phase III; and

WHEREAS, the development of such plans involves public meetings and collaboration with RSMP staff to provide supporting data for identifying school buildings that should be included in Phase III and for completing the PLA study and benefits analysis; and

WHEREAS, starting the Phase III Master Planning work will facilitate timely selection of the schools to be reconstructed in Phase III, complete the PLA benefits analysis, start conversations with stakeholders for required community input, provide supporting data for justification to New York State if so requested, and avoid massive layoffs of support staff and consultants needed to work on the planning, design, and administration of Phase III; and

WHEREAS, the Program Manager recommended to the M/WBE and Services Procurement Committee (the "Committee") that the RJSCB authorize the commencement of the Phase III Master Planning work with Watts Architecture and Engineering effectively immediately; and

WHEREAS, the Committee considered and discussed the Program Manager's recommendation at its July 5, 2018 meeting, and after due deliberation, the Committee approved the request to remove the contingency associated with its award and authorizes the Program Manager to immediately commence the Phase III Master Planning work with Watts Architecture and Engineering upon execution of a contract with such firm.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RJSCB hereby removes the contingency associated with its award of the contract for Phase 3 Master Planning Support Services to Watts Architecture and Engineering and authorizes the Program Manager to commence the Phase III Master Planning work with Watts Architecture and Engineering upon execution of a contract with such firm; 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 Jones**

**Approved 7-0**