



Legislation Text

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Title:

Architect/Engineer Selection - Northeast and West Community Resource Centers

Summary

ACTION:

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate fees and execute a contract with Gensler for Architectural/Engineering Services for the Northeast and West Community Resource Centers and site master plans, and in the event negotiations with this team are unsuccessful, approve negotiations with Clark Nexsen

Staff Contact: Steven Sweat, AIA, Sr. Project Manager, Asset and Facility Management

Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

This architect selection is for the site master planning and design of two projects: the Northeast Community Resource Center and the West Community Resource Center. Both projects include master planning of a potential mixed-use site that could include a Community Resource Center, a branch library, affordable housing, retail, parking, landscaping, etc. Full design services will then be completed for the design and construction of the new Community Resource Center buildings within the two approved master plan sites. Both buildings have very similar space programs and are intended to look similar architecturally.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised on the State of North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System website on November 5, 2018, in the Charlotte Post on November 8, 2018, and in the Charlotte Observer on November 9, 2018. The selection of the consulting firms followed NC General Statute 143-64.31, which prescribes a qualifications-based selection process.

Per the Board's instructions, the Selection Committee submits the following report:

SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Pat Cotham - Mecklenburg County Commissioner, At-Large
Susan Rodriguez-McDowell - Mecklenburg County Commissioner, District 6
Derrick Ramos - Assistant County Manager/Chief of Staff
Rodney Adams - Director, Department of Community Resources
Steven Sweat, AIA - Sr. Project Manager, Asset & Facility Management Director designee
Greg Godley, General Contractor Appointed by BOCC

Fourteen (14) design teams submitted a Statement-of-Qualifications expressing an interest in the project:

ADW Architects
Clark Nexsen
Creech & Associates
Gensler- Neighboring Concepts
Gresham Smith
Jenkins Peer Architects
Liollo Architecture
Little
McMillan Pazdan Smith Architecture
Moody Nolan - LS3P
Perkins+Will - C Design
Progressive AE
WHN Architects
WGM Design

On December 14, 2018, a shortlist selection committee composed of staff from Asset and Facility Management selected (3) firms for interviews.

On January 9, 2019, the formal Selection Committee heard interview presentations from the following shortlisted firms:

Clark Nexsen
Gensler - Neighboring Concepts
Moody Nolan - LS3P

Based on the information presented in the written submittals and at the oral presentations, the Selection Committee selected Gensler-Neighboring Concepts as the first ranked firm and Clark Nexsen as the alternate firm.

POLICY IMPACT:
N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:
N/A. Project is funded as part of the FY 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan.