



Legislation Text

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Title:

Architect Selection - Discovery Place Nature Project

Summary

ACTION:

Authorize the County Manager to negotiate fees and execute a contract with Liollo Architecture, for Architectural, Engineering and Landscape Architecture Services for the Discovery Place Nature Project and in the event negotiations with this firm are unsuccessful, approve negotiations with the alternate firm of Little Diversified Architects

Staff Contact: Steve Sweat, AIA, Senior Project Manager, Asset and Facility Management Department

Presentation: No

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION:

Discovery Place, Inc. currently operates a County-owned nature museum at 1658 Sterling Road at Freedom Park (known as the Charlotte Nature Museum). A project was included in the approved FY19-23 Capital Improvement Plan for replacement of the nature museum and the addition of several outdoor experiences on eight acres of land surrounding the museum.

The total cost for this project is expected to be \$32 Million with the County providing \$16 Million (FY19-23 CIP) for design and construction of facilities and Discovery Place providing \$16 Million for interior and exterior exhibits.

PROCUREMENT BACKGROUND:

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised January 3, 2019 in The Charlotte Observer, Charlotte Post and the State of North Carolina Interactive Purchasing System web site. 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:

Susan Harden, County Commissioner
Ella B. Scarborough, County Commissioner
Lee Jones, Director of Park and Recreation
Leslie Johnson, Assistant County Manager (County Manager's Designee)
Mark Hahn, Director of Asset and Facility Management
Catherine Horne, President and CEO of Discovery Place, Inc.
Greg Godley, General Contractor Appointed by BOCC

Ten firms submitted a Statement of Qualifications expressing an interest in the project.

Clark Nexsen
Creech & Associates
HH Architecture
Jenkins Peer Architects
Liollo Architecture
Little Diversified Architects
Perkins + Will
Progressive AE
Skolnick Architecture & Design Partnership
Watson Tate Savory

On February 22, 2019, a shortlist selection committee composed of staff from Park and Recreation, Discovery Place, and Asset and Facility Management selected two (2) firms for interviews.

On March 29, 2019, the Selection Committee interviewed the following two (2) shortlisted firms:

Little Diversified Architects
Liollo Architecture

Based on the information presented in the written submittals and at the oral presentations, the Selection Committee selected Liollo Architecture as the first ranked firm and Little Diversified Architects as the alternate firm.

POLICY IMPACT:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A