Information Item

BAC-16  Phillips Hawkins Fire Alarm Upgrades – Appointment of Designer by Chancellor

Background Information

At the December 6, 2013 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board authorized the Chancellor, ex-officio, to appoint architects and engineers for projects with authorized funding of $2,000,000 or less, and authorized the Chancellor to report all such appointments to the Board at its next meeting.

Phillips Hawkins Fire Alarm Upgrades

The scope of this project is to replace the existing addressable fire alarm system, add mass notification and address ADA deficiencies with the fire alarm system. Additional work will include installation of security cameras for improved safety.

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET: $990,000

A solicitation for professional services was posted on the UNC System webpage. Nine (9) letters of interest were received for the above referenced project, two (2) of which were from Guilford County. The pre-selection committee reviewed the letters of interest and invited the firms listed below to an interview to present their qualifications:

1. McKim & Creed, Inc., Raleigh, NC
2. Dewberry Engineers, Inc., Raleigh, NC
3. Engineered Designs, Inc., Cary, NC

The firm of McKim & Creed, Inc., Raleigh, NC, was recommended to the Chancellor for this appointment because of the following reasons:

1. McKim & Creed was very well prepared and had researched the existing fire alarm system within the existing building to understand the specific challenges of the project.
2. McKim & Creed is very experienced with fire alarm upgrades in residence halls on campuses within the UNC system, including those with an accelerated design and construction schedule similar to this project.
3. McKim & Creed presented a thorough Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Plan that promotes meeting the goals of the university's HUB program.

Based on the above information, the Chancellor appointed McKim & Creed, Inc., Raleigh, NC, as the designer for this project on August 23, 2016.

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