

APPROVAL OF THE DESIGN CONSULTANT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STEAM ACADEMY ON THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CAMPUS

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE: Kentucky Department of Education administrative regulation 702 KAR 4:160 requires local boards of education action to secure architectural services for new construction, additions to existing buildings or any school renovation project that substantially modifies a major building system. On March 4, 2015, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was issued to all architectural firms having previously indicated an interest in FCPS projects. The RFQ was also posted on the FCPS Economic Engine and on Lynn Imaging's website. Twelve architectural firms responded by the deadline on March 16. Of the twelve, two identify as MBE and one as WBE. Three of the twelve responses were submitted by firms from outside of Fayette County: Covington, Owensboro and Cincinnati. On Tuesday, March 17 selection committee members Tina Stevenson (Principal), Gawain Taylor (student) and Warren Denny (UK Campus Architect) reviewed the submittals and selected a 'short-list' of firms to be interviewed. On Thursday, March 26 the selection committee was joined by Dr. Laurie Henry (UK College of Education) and Amanda Ferguson (FCBOE Member) for the interviews of five architectural firms: Alt-32, Murphy Graves Trimble, Clotfelter-Samokar, Sherman Carter Barnhart and Ross Tarrant. When deliberations were concluded Ross Tarrant was selected to be the design consultant for the STEAM Academy project. Once this selection is approved by the Board, design will commence immediately; bids to be received in spring 2016; construction to begin in July 2016; and to complete in December 2017.

PROPOSAL: The projects and proposed consultants are:

2013 DFP PROJECT	PROPOSED CONSULTANT
STEAM ACADEMY ON THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY CAMPUS – New Construction	Ross Tarrant Architects

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REFERENCE: 702 KAR 4:160

RECOMMENDATION: A motion is in order to:

"Approve a design consultant contract with Ross Tarrant Architects for the construction of the new STEAM Academy on the University of Kentucky Campus, subject to the approval of the Kentucky Department of Education, District Facilities Branch, per the provisions of 702 KAR 4:160."

On a motion by _____, and seconded by _____, the Board approves a design consultant contract with Ross Tarrant Architects for the construction of the new STEAM Academy on the University of Kentucky Campus, subject to the approval of the Kentucky Department of Education, District Facilities Branch, per the provisions of 702 KAR 4:160.

John Price, Chair

Marlene Helm, Acting Superintendent

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