

Resolution 2017-18: 122

Summer 2018 FF&E Contract Bids – Rejection of Bids and Authorization to Re-Bid

By Board Member Benincasa

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (“the 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 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; and

WHEREAS, the amended Act authorized up to 26 projects in Phase 2 of the RSMP including a District Wide Technology (“DWT”) program, which involves technology upgrades and infrastructure work at several of the possible projects; and

WHEREAS, for Phase 2 of the RSMP, the RJSCB intends to undertake 14 projects for the design, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of existing school buildings for their continued use by the District (collectively, the “Phase 2 Projects”), which have been further defined as Phase 2a, Phase 2b, Phase 2c and Phase 2d, plus a DWT project at each of the Phase 2 school buildings; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB’s Move Management Consultant (Vargas Associates) prepared bid documents for the Furniture Fixtures and Equipment (“FF&E”) bid associated with the following Phase 2a and Phase 2b projects: Monroe, School 7, School 16, Edison Campus, School Without Walls, Freddie Thomas and School 1/15 (the “2a/2b FF&E Project”); and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB authorized the release of the FF&E bid documents for the 2a/2b FF&E Project at its regular meeting on November 13, 2017 (Resolution 2017-18: 92); and

WHEREAS, the Move Management Consultant received bids on December 7, 2017 per the deadline stipulated in the FF&E bid documents, and those bids were subsequently publicly opened and read aloud at the location stated in the bid documents; and

WHEREAS, the Move Management Consultant and Program Manager reviewed the bids that were submitted and determined that the bids were not responsive and that it was in the best interest of the RJSCB to reject all of the bids and re-bid the 2a/2b FF&E Project as soon as possible in the interest of keeping the project on schedule; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2017, the Move Management Consultant recommended that the RJSCB reject all bids and re-bid the 2a/2b FF&E Project on or about January 2, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB Chair determined that it was in the best interest of the RJSCB to reject all bids submitted for the 2a/2b FF&E Project and re-bid the Project pursuant to the scheduled proposed by the Move Management Consultant; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB Chair by notice dated December 18, 2017 notified all FF&E bidders that the RJSCB was rejecting all bids and that it would be re-bidding the 2a/2b FF&E Project; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on January 4, 2018, the M/WBE and Services Procurement Committee approved the

RJSCB Chair's determination to reject the FF&E bids documents and re-bid the 2a/2b FF&E Project as being in the best interest of the RJSCB.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The RJSCB hereby approves and ratifies the actions of the RJSCB Chair to reject the FF&E bids and to re-bid the 2a/2b FF&E Project on or about January 2, 2018; and
2. The M/WBE and Services Procurement Committee, with the advice and recommendations of the Move Management Consultant and the Program Manager, is authorized on behalf of the RJSCB to review the bids from the furniture distributor firms and recommend one or more firms to the RJSCB for award.

Second by Board Member Brown

Approved 6-0 with Vice Chair Schmidt away