

Board of Trustees

Washtenaw Community College

ACTION

4800 E. Huron River Drive
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105-4800

Subject
Student Center Renovation Project Engineering Services Contract

Date
November 17, 2020

Background

The Student Center was originally built in 1974 and over the past 45 years it has had numerous renovations. However, the existing HVAC system has remained original to the building and is nearing the end of its service life. In addition to replacing the HVAC system, the College has identified and requested State of Michigan Capital Outlay funding for a number of other usage related improvements, including a new "Front Door" and transforming the SC Building into the Center for Success. Recently the State announced that given the pandemic induced economic downturn, that it would not be funding any new capital outlay requests for Fiscal Year 2021. Given the pressing need to replace the SC building HVAC system, the College is recommending that we proceed only with the deferred maintenance portion of the SC building renovation project at an estimated \$7 million cost.

The initial step of this project is to obtain engineering services to perform an assessment/redesign and cost estimate for the replacement of the entire SC building HVAC system. The College issued an RFP (Bid 6294) and received 7 proposals for this project. After review of each proposal, the College is recommending that we contract with Fishbeck Architectural and Engineering firm for an amount not to exceed \$307,000. Fishbeck, with its headquarters in Grand Rapids and offices throughout Michigan (including Ann Arbor), has significant higher education facilities construction/renovation experience, including HVAC system replacement. Please find the bid sheet attached. Funding for this contract will be supported from the Campus Repair & Maintenance fund.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve a contract with Fishbeck in the amount of \$307,000 to provide the engineering services required to design the replacement of the Student Center building HVAC system.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN

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