

Board of Trustees Agenda Item

Board Meeting Date: March 7, 2011

Title of Item: Construction Testing and Special Inspection Services for Various Projects

Background and Analysis:

The Division of the State Architect (DSA) requires the District to employ DSA-approved Construction Testing and Special Inspection services for most capital projects. On January 18, 2011 the District issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #1345 for Construction Testing and Special Inspection Services for future projects. The intent of the RFQ was to establish a pool of firms qualified to provide services for a variety of projects to be undertaken in the next three years, on an as-needed basis.

The RFQ was advertised on Bidnet and local inspectors known to possess the required certification were contacted directly. On February 11, 2011, the District received responses to the RFQ from seven firms. A selection committee comprised of District and Gilbane/Maas personnel first reviewed the responses for completeness and responsiveness and determined that one applicant, Earth Systems Companies, was not responsive to the RFQ.

The selection committee then deliberated regarding experience of the inspection firms, qualifications and experience of proposed team members, fee schedule and firm stability. The six remaining respondent firms were deemed to meet the qualifications needed to be included in the pool:

- Applied Materials & Engineering
- BSK Associates, Engineers & Laboratories
- Consolidated Engineering Laboratories
- Construction Testing Services
- H.P. Inspections, Inc.
- MatriScope Engineering Laboratories, Inc.

No commitment was made to employ every selected inspection firm; final selections to provide services for individual projects will be based upon project needs, experience and qualifications of individual inspectors relative to the size and type of project, inspector availability relative to project schedules, inspectors' references, and comparative cost proposals.

Recommendation: Executive Director of Facilities, Operations, and Construction Management Charles Allen recommends that the Board approve the list of six firms to be included in a Testing and Special Inspection Services Pool

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