

Inequity

The following items are related specifically to the "Equity" of the architectural selection process.

During my time working with CCSD I have learned from the various architects who are involved some many things that the school board is apparently unaware of. For the sake of explanation I'll refer to these things as common knowledge. Because the board appears to be interested in only looking at the narrow focus of this jury the following are restricted to that issue only whereas there are many other issues related to equity.

Contradicting Instructions as to Criteria for Selection

1. On June 14 2006 a request for proposals was made listing specific criteria for selection of architects. CCSD indicated that "The following selection process has been designed..." The reply deadline was officially July 2006.
2. On November 28th (The day before the jury was to be held) another letter was faxed to the architects stating "We have restructured our evaluation..."
3. In June letter the level of services that architects are offering is indicated as elementary, middle or high school while the November letter refers to \$15,000,000 \$5,000,000 project costs. This is a contradiction after the deadline.

Some Firms Were Given Special Dispensation To Avoid Having to Qualify

1. As of the June 14th and November 27th letter dates the prototype elementary architects were not under contract. There was no mention of some architects being qualified and others "Grandfathered" in.
2. From that point we are told that "The committee determined that the five architectural firms who designed the current prototypes are fully qualified to remain on the architectural selection list..."
3. However, of the 30 remaining firms those who had previously been on the list were not afforded the same criteria.

Compare this to a school test?

Ex Parte Waiving of the Submission Deadline

- A. The June 14 letter indicates a submission cut off of July 28.
- B. Mr. Gerner admitted during the last hearing on this matter that he accepted an application that was eventually approved during October.

This is absolutely never allowed by any governmental entity and would always result in disqualification of the process.

Ken Small AIA CSI CDT LEED RFP



June 14, 2006

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Dear Architect:

In response to an inquiry from this office, you indicated a desire to participate in the architectural process for future school district project assignments. In order to select qualified architects for varying project assignments, the following selection process has been designed.


The selection will be a two-step process. The first step will be a requirement for architects to submit information to determine qualifications, level of expertise, and capacity to accomplish school district projects. It is anticipated that a selection committee will select firms for project assignments based upon their qualifications. The second step will be a categorization of firms from which a final slate of architectural firms will be identified and submitted to the Clark County School District Board of School Trustees for approval.

In order to accomplish step one, Standard Form (SF) 330 is required. Since this form is a federal government form, please note the following changes:

- a. Where the terms federal government, government, federal agency, or agency are used, substitute the term Clark County School District;
- b. Please include Nevada architectural registration number(s);
- c. On SF 330, include projects completed since 1998 or are currently under way;
- d. As guidance for information to include in SF 330, please indicate the level of services that you are offering; i.e., elementary school, middle school, high school, school addition, school renovation, ancillary support facility, or any other educational facility. You may select one level or all levels depending on your capabilities.

The data on the remainder of SF 330 should support your qualifications to accomplish the school district projects. Since this is a fictional project, list those outside key consultants/associates that you would intend to use on a school project.

Completed forms must be received at the following address no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 28, 2006:


Clark County School District
New School & Facility Planning Department
4292 S. Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89119

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Your participation in this selection process and interest in doing business with the Clark County School District is appreciated. Should there be any questions regarding completion of the SF form 330, please contact me at (702) 799-6450.

Sincerely,

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New School & Facility Planning Department
Clark County School District

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November 27, 2006

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Re: **2006 CCSD Architectural Evaluation**

Dear Architect(s):

First of all, let me thank you for your patience regarding our evaluation and selection process. We have restructured our evaluation criteria to match the new Standard Form 330 pursuant to the meeting with the architects that was conducted early this year. A copy of these criteria has been attached for your review.

The goal here is to outline a list of clear expectations for the evaluation. The evaluation will be conducted by a group of panel members with various expertise in the following areas; technical construction, design, educational, and planning/programming. Upon completion of the evaluation, each successful firm will be placed on a list "tiered" by total job construction cost, in priority order, based on the evaluation scores. The "tiered" list will be segregated as follows: (all costs based on construction dollars)

Tier 1: \$15,000,000 and above

Tier 2: \$5,000,000 up to \$15,000,000

Tier 3: 0 up to \$5,000,000

Please note that the Architectural firms that have been selected for the "Prototype Design" will not be placed in the tiered system, they will be used exclusively for the design of the school prototype placement.

If you should have any questions about the scoring, you will be able to contact me and I will review the evaluation with you. After the evaluation and selection, the panel member names will be furnished upon request.

The list of successful architects will be presented to the Board of School Trustees for approval. (The list will be public record at that point.) Once approved, the list will be used in a "Round Robin" fashion, based on the total construction cost of the job and what architectural firm is next up in that particular dollar level. Once work progresses under this new system, there will be performance indicators established to allow architects to move from one "tier" level to the bottom of the next level. Once the indicators are established, each of you will be notified.

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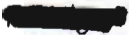
The date the evaluation committee will be convened is Wednesday, November 29, 2006. We are expecting to submit this list to the Board of School Trustees on Thursday, January 11, 2007. Once the list is approved, we will start the selection process from this list for upcoming jobs immediately.

Again, I would like to thank you for your patience and participation in this process, and I look forward to doing a quality business with your firm in the future. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 799-1195 ext. 5059.

Sincerely,



Acting Director, New School and Facility Planning Department
Director, Special Projects and Renovation Services Department



Attachment

c: J. Paul Gerner
Fred Smith
Ruby Alston
BOC Design Liason
Evaluation Committee Members (7)
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