

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY
INFORMATIONAL REPORT
DECISION ON AWARD OF CONTRACT
ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES
HARFORD TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL LIMITED RENOVATION

September 12, 2022

Background Information:

As part of the FY 2023 Capital Improvement Budget Request, the Board of Education of Harford County approved capital funding, in the amount of twenty million (\$20,000,000.00), as required, to fund the Limited Renovation at Harford Technical High School. This project is State and locally funded. The project requires engineering, design, and construction administration services to develop construction documents that are needed to obtain pricing for construction services to replace/upgrade the existing HVAC and plumbing systems. The work includes, but is not limited to, the new HVAC system; piping; upgraded electrical service; replacement of all existing lighting to high-efficiency LED lighting; a back-up generator will be added under this project to address life safety requirements and meet MEMA requirements; fire alarm; voice; video; and data upgrades. The project also includes a roof replacement; exterior doors & windows; elevator replacement; a new security vestibule; and security and access controls upgrades. Program area upgrades to include the culinary arts program; cosmetology program; welding program; machine shop; CADD; and academy of health professions.

Design services will provide the construction documents to reflect the repair and/or replacement of existing architectural elements and systems that are affected by the renovation. The project will support our current sustainability initiatives from the early design phases through the construction of the project, and we will pursue any eligible BGE rebates.

Discussion:

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural/Engineering Design Services was issued by HCPS' facilities department. In response to this RFQ, nine (9) firms submitted responses that were evaluated by a selection committee that considered team qualifications, experience, workload, and references. Five (5) firms were "shortlisted," interviewed, and ranked.

As the result of this process, the committee has selected the architectural firm of GWWO Architects to provide the services required to successfully complete the Limited Renovation Project at Harford Technical High School. GWWO Architects has successfully performed professional architectural/engineering design services for Harford County Public Schools, most notably Red Pump Elementary School.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve a contract for the above described professional architectural/engineering services for the Limited Renovation of Harford Technical High School, in the amount of \$3,383,725.00 to GWWO Architects.