

**Monument Mountain Regional High School Building Committee
Designer Selection Subcommittee Meeting**

Date: December 12, 2023

Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: District Office Prof. Dev. Room, 50 Main Street 2nd Floor, Stockbridge, MA
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Members: Stephen Bannon, Peter Dillon, Steven Soule, Jason St. Peter, Sharon Harrison, Kristina Farina

Present: Stephen Bannon, Peter Dillon, Steven Soule, Jason St. Peter, Kristina Farina

Absent: Sharon Harrison

Other Attendees: John Benzinger-Skanska; Nick Lobik-Skanska; Peter Socha-Skanska

The group reviewed proposals and discussed pros and cons with DiNisco Design and Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc. in an open format as a group. The pros and cons discussed are listed below.

DiNisco Design

Overall the review team was very impressed with DiNisco Design and their proposal. The group liked their long history of strong drawings and well designed building. The team did have concerns with their lack of chapter 74 experience.

Pros

- Extremely strong and complete drawings.
- Very low change orders due to the completeness of the drawings.
- Excellent public construction experience.
- Strong subconsultants listed for the project.
- Hired by Amherst after a previously failed vote and were able to pass the project with community support.
- Skanska added they felt the two elementary schools they worked DiNisco on were solid, well built buildings while maintaining good value.
- Proposed consulting architect William Rawn Associates for their High School experience.

Cons

- No chapter 74 experience.
- No High School experience.
- Partnered with William Rawn Associates for their High School experience but this adds another architect to the team which could add unnecessary costs and complications.

Drummey Rosane Anderson

The review team was overall impressed with DRA, specifically their chapter 74 experience and high school experience in the Berkshires. There were some concerns with previous subconsultants but they have been replaced with strong firms.

Pros

- Extensive chapter 74 experience.
- DRA has complete multiple projects in Berkshire County.
- Worked with Central Berkshire Regional School District and understand the unique challenges of a Regional School District.
- Strong and complete drawings.
- Limited change orders on projects.
- Acknowledged the challenges with smaller schools and has experience designing them.
- Proposing a local Civil Engineer, Hill Engineering, Architects and Planners.

Cons

- Previously had some short comings with subconsultants. However these consultants have been replaced on this proposal.

General Consensus

The review team agreed that we received submissions from two extremely qualified firms for the project. However, there still much more deliberation before any decision can be made. The team felt the next step of Designer Selection Panel meeting with the MSBA would help provide more information that would help the team with a selction.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.