

Board Report

3/05/19 Meeting

Approval of Contract for Project Inspection Services

For the Joe Michell K-8 School Renovation Project

Background:

The Measure J Bond Program team distributed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for project inspection services on November 29, 2017. Our District's legal counsel prepared the RFQ. The RFQ was sent to sixteen firms and was posted on our District's website. Six firms responded by providing Statements of Qualifications. All six firms were interviewed in January 2018. The interview panel included the Bond Program Director and representatives from the construction management firms working in our District at the time.

The interview panel evaluated each firm based on their Statements of Qualifications, information gathered during the interview process, experience working on projects similar to those proposed in the Measure J Bond Program, the specific inspection member(s) proposed to work in our District, and their proposed cost.

All six firms interviewed were recommended to be included in the pool of firms able to provide project inspection services for our District. Our Board approved the pool of firms at its regular meeting on February 6, 2018.

Status:

Staff reviewed the qualifications of the six firms in our Board-approved pool for relevant experience related to the Joe Michell K-8 School Renovation Project, the specific project inspector proposed to provide Division of the State Architect (DSA) required inspection services, and proposed cost. After careful evaluation, staff is recommending our District enter into a contract with Furman Construction Inspection, Inc.

The two-year term of the proposed agreement has allowed our District to lock in the cost of project inspection services at a guaranteed rate for the two year term of the contract and secure inspection services in the current highly competitive market for the duration of the Joe Michell K-8 School Renovation Project. The limited availability of highly qualified project inspectors in the current market has made the process much more difficult. Executing this contract early in the construction season maximizes successful project staffing, and the previous effective working relationship with Furman Construction Inspection, Inc. has made our District a more attractive client.

Next steps:

Pending approval by our Board of Trustees, a contract for DSA required project inspection services will be signed and executed.