

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES**B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee**On-Call Fire Protection Engineering Master Term Agreement – Select Engineering FirmRECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee that the President be delegated authority to award an On-Call Fire Protection Engineering Master Term Agreement to Wood Harbinger, Bellevue, Washington, subject to successful negotiation of the engineering and professional services agreement.

In the event of an unsuccessful negotiation with the selected firm it is requested that authority be delegated to open negotiations with Aegis Engineering, Lynnwood, Washington, the firm recommended as first alternate.

BACKGROUND:

The Capital Projects Office intends to select an engineering firm for an On-Call Master Term Agreement for various fire life safety projects for the University of Washington Seattle campus or any of their other locations, including Harborview Medical Center. As individual projects arise, the parties will negotiate the scope of work and fee, and formalize it in a project authorization. Project authorizations under the Master Term Agreement will be executed prior to the expiration of the Master Term Agreement, and will be limited to those with a total project budget (including design, construction, contingency and other costs) of less than \$4 million.

The Master Term Agreement will have a total project value of \$10 million (for the aggregate value of all projects), and will be for an initial two year period with an optional two-year renewal (for a total term of four years). If the consultant performs well on work awarded during the first two-year period then it is the intention of the Capital Projects Office to continue engineering services with the same consultant for a second two-year period. It is anticipated that working with a consultant with successful recent experience in the design and delivery of projects for the University of Washington may result in the production of better design documents in a more timely fashion. It also assures that planning work initiated at the latter end of the first two year period can be executed by the same consultant in the second two-year period.

In May 2011, the Capital Projects Office advertised for firms interested in providing on-call fire protection engineering services. Three firms responded to

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the Request for Qualifications, and all three firms were interviewed on May 31, 2011. The three firms interviewed were: Aegis Engineering, Interface Engineering, and Wood Harbinger. It is the interview team's recommendation that Wood Harbinger be awarded the master term agreement for on-call fire protection engineering services.

Wood Harbinger, located in Bellevue, Washington, was founded in 1967. The firm's experience includes extensive work with the University of Washington, including design of the Guggenheim Hall fire protection upgrades and Savery Hall fire protection upgrades. They have a staff of 93 professional engineers, designers and support staff. Wood Harbinger has successfully designed fire protection systems for higher education, medical, military, aviation, municipal, and governmental projects.