

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES**B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee**On-Call Industrial Mechanical 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 Industrial Mechanical Engineering Master Term Agreement to Harris Group, 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 Wood Harbinger Inc., Bellevue, 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 industrial mechanical projects located at 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 industrial mechanical engineering services. Nine firms

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responded to the Request for Qualifications and three firms were interviewed on June 17, 2011. The three firms interviewed were: Hargis Engineering, Inc., Harris Group Inc., and Wood Harbinger. It is the interview team's recommendation that Harris Group Inc. be awarded the term agreement for on-call industrial mechanical engineering services.

Harris Group Inc. is an engineering firm based in Seattle, comprised of over 250 employees nationwide. Their Seattle headquarters office employs nearly 80 staff. Over the past two years, Harris Group has managed over a dozen mechanical-focused on-call projects for the University of Washington on its master term agreement for industrial mechanical projects. In addition, this firm has provided on-call engineering services for a broad range of public and private clients including Boeing, Port of Seattle, and Shell Oil.