VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee

UW Police Department Facility – Select Architect and Delegate Authority to Award a Design Contract

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee that the President be delegated authority to award a design contract for the UW Police Department Facility Project with the firm of Miller Hull Partnership, subject to successful negotiation of an architectural agreement.

Miller Hull Partnership is a Seattle firm that was founded in 1977 and has a staff of 63 people. They have been recognized with over 200 design awards and have been widely published in a variety of journals. In 2003, they received the AIA Firm Award which recognizes leadership, community service, professional and public involvement and highest design quality over a 10 year period. They have relevant experience with police facilities, and are leaders in sustainable design. Other work on campus includes Merrill Hall and the Conibear Shellhouse.

In the event of an unsuccessful negotiation with the selected firm, it is requested that authority be delegated to open negotiations with SRG Partnership, Inc., the firm recommended as first alternate.
BACKGROUND:

In April 2011, the Capital Projects Office advertised for firms interested in providing architectural services. Eleven firms responded to the Request for Qualifications and three of those firms were interviewed by the Architectural Commission on June 6, 2011: SRG Partnership Inc; Arai Jackson Ellison Murakami LLP; and The Miller Hull Partnership. It is the Commission’s recommendation that Miller Hull Partnership be appointed design architect for this project. The Architectural Commission is charged with identifying the most qualified firm as well as one or two alternate qualified firms, if any, ensuring that negotiations can continue in a timely manner. The alternate firm recommended by the Architectural Commission is SRG Partnership, Inc.

DESCRIPTION:

The UW Police Department would be relocated from its current facility in the Bryants Building on Portage Bay as a consequence of the UW’s agreeing to make available this property for use as a public open space, in mitigation of Washington State Department of Transportation’s (WSDOT’s) planned SR-520 Lake Washington Bridge project. Formalizing the multi-party agreement (UW, the City of Seattle Parks Department, and WSDOT) necessary to take this action will involve agreement on a schedule for park design, construction and management that accommodates University of Washington Police Department’s (UWPD’s) relocation.

The current assumption is that the agreement (MOA) may be finalized in the next few months, and that the new park would be operable as soon as 2015. The park is required to be in use three years after the agreement is approved by the National Park Service. If the agreement is approved as early 2012, the Bryants Building would need to be demolished sometime in 2013 to allow adequate time for park construction. To relocate UWPD in 2013, a building program must be defined, a site selected, and the new UWPD facility designed and constructed in the next two years or so. In order to address this challenge, a predesign process is being initiated immediately to develop the building program; to identify, evaluate and select a site; and to scope the design, schedule and budget.

A special purpose advisory group, chaired by the University Architect & Assistant Vice President for Campus Planning, will be created to lend oversight to the predesign process. This group will include representatives from UWPD, Student Life, External Relations, Facilities Services, Housing & Food Services, UW...
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Information Technology, faculty and student representatives, the Office of Planning and Budgeting, and other relevant perspectives.

SCHEDULE:

Planning targets for completion dates:

Pre-design October 2011  
Design November 2012  
Construction November 2013  
Occupancy December 2013

BUDGET/FUNDING:

It is estimated that the funds available for the UWPD relocation may be in the range of $10 million from WSDOT; the availability and amount of funds will be confirmed once the MOA is formalized. The budget for the relocated UWPD facility will be developed in the predesign process. The predesign work is estimated to be approximately $200,000, and funding for this work is available from Central Funds.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL:

The recommended action has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Vice President and Vice Provost for Student Life, and the Vice Provost for Planning and Budgeting.
UW Police Department Project

UWPD now in Bryants Building on Boat Street

Relocation of UWPD will result from site purchase by WSDOT as SR520 mitigation, for re-use as public waterfront park

Pre-design includes building program, site selection, budget and schedule verification