

## VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

## B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee

Health Sciences Center 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Renovations – ArchitectRECOMMENDED 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 to the firm of Ambia for the Health Sciences Center 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Renovations project, subject to successful negotiation of an architectural agreement.

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

It is intended that this project will be brought back to the Board of Regents at the completion of the pre-design phase to establish the project budget.

BACKGROUND:

The renovations include the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of A, C, D, E, F and H Wings, and the 7<sup>th</sup> floor of AA Wing, which comprises the Department of Comparative Medicine's centralized vivarium facility. The existing facility dates back to 1947 with the addition of AA Wing in 1952. This project will upgrade architectural features and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems to be compliant with current Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC) requirements.

In May 2007, the Capital Projects Office advertised for firms interested in providing architectural services. Five firms responded to the Request for Qualifications for this project, and two firms were interviewed on June 19, 2007 by a Capital Projects Evaluation Committee including representatives from the Health Sciences Center administration, School of Medicine Facilities, the Department of Comparative Medicine and the Capital Projects Office. It is the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee that Ambia be appointed design architect for this project, with NBBJ as the first alternate.

Ambia has been involved in laboratory renovations in the Health Sciences Center (HSC) since 1988. Their scope of work at the HSC includes over 26 projects, all of a research laboratory or animal-care nature. In addition, Ambia has successfully accomplished work to renovate Roberts Hall and performed work at Bagley Hall and Suzzallo Library.

Design, which will include a pre-design effort, will begin in July 2007 and construction is anticipated to start in April 2009.

The project budget will be defined as part of the pre-design effort and is expected to be between \$7-10 million. The project will be funded from University General Revenue Bonds; the debt service will be paid from research revenue.