

**VII. STANDING COMMITTEES****B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee****UW Medical Center - Professional and Architectural Services Contracts - Architect****RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee that the President be delegated authority to award two separate UW Medical Center (UWMC) master agreements for professional and architectural services to Taylor Gregory Butterfield Architects and Buffalo Design, Inc., subject to successful negotiation of the terms of the contracts.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Capital Projects Office anticipates awarding studies and projects to each firm that may be up to \$4,000,000 for a single project, with a total project value for all projects under each term agreement not to exceed \$10,000,000. The term of the contracts will be for two years with an optional one year renewal, for a maximum of three years.

In February 2007, the Capital Projects Office (CPO) advertised for firms interested in providing term professional services and architectural design; four firms responded to the Request for Qualifications. Two firms were interviewed on March 29, 2007. It is the recommendation of CPO that Taylor Gregory Butterfield Architects and Buffalo Design Inc. be awarded the work at the University with a focus on healthcare projects.

Taylor Gregory Butterfield Architects (TGBA) is a healthcare design firm that has successfully completed a number of studies and projects for the University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC) in the last nine years, including revisions to the Angiography suite and is currently involved in renovations to the existing Nuclear Medicine suite. TGBA has been in business since 1993 and presently employs thirty-two persons.

Buffalo Design, Inc. is a healthcare design firm that is currently involved in a number of projects with UWMC including pre-design studies for renovations to the Frozen Section Lab, Pharmacy Compounding Room and Pulmonary Diagnostics Suite. Buffalo Design has developed a positive working relationship with UWMC and CPO staff over the past three years. Buffalo Design is a firm that has been in business for twenty years and is also focused on healthcare design. They have a current staff of ten persons.

Funding for projects completed under these contracts will be from the University of Washington Medical Center patient revenues.