



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION REPORT

DATE: February 8, 2021
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For Introduction: March 24, 2021
For Action: April 7, 2021

1. TITLE

BEX V: Award Contract P1839, for Accessibility Consulting Services, to Studio Pacifica for the for the BEX V program

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this action is to provide authorization for the Superintendent to enter into an accessibility consulting services contract in the amount of \$585,632 for the Building Excellence (BEX) V program.

3. RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the School Board authorize the Superintendent to execute contract P1839 for Accessibility Consulting Services, with Studio Pacifica in the amount of \$585,632 with any minor additions, deletions, modifications, and actions deemed necessary by the Superintendent to implement the contract.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

a. Background

On February 12, 2019, voters approved the \$1.4 billion, BEX V Capital Levy, which will support the district's long-range plans to upgrade and renovate aging school facilities and address enrollment growth.

Capital Projects and Planning sought the expertise of an Accessibility Consulting firm to review(s) architectural, interior, landscape, civil, and electrical design documents and infield construction for 15 designated school projects to assess observable compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act's accessibility standards. The 15 schools include: Alki, Kimball, Leschi, Montlake, Northgate, Rogers, Viewlands, West Seattle and West Woodland elementary schools; Madison, and Mercer middle schools; Lincoln and Rainier Beach High School and North Queen Anne and Van Asselt schools.

The district publicly advertised for services in November 2020. One firm submitted a proposal. The district review panel interviewed and selected Studio Pacifica as the qualified firm to provide these consulting services for the BEX V program based on specific criteria to best meet its needs, for an experienced K-12 Universal Design (ADA)

Consultant. The district included the cost as important criteria in selecting its Accessibility Consulting Services firms and negotiated the contract terms and price to receive the best value for the services.

a. **Alternatives**

Deny Motion. If motion is denied, the district will not be able to execute the Accessibility Consulting Services contract to start the accessibility design review of the BEX V program. This is not recommended because it would negatively impact the district's commitment to provide equitable access in our schools.

b. **Research**

The Accessibility Consulting Services firm will employ the following resource when planning this project:

- The American With Disabilities Act and other accessibility laws and statutes (“Accessibility Laws”) that place accessibility and usability requirements on the project(s).

5. FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE

The fiscal impact to this motion will be \$585,632. The revenue source for this motion is from the BEX V Capital Levy.

Expenditure: One-time Annual Multi-Year N/A

Revenue: One-time Annual Multi-Year N/A

6. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

With guidance from the District's Community Engagement tool, this action was determined to merit the following tier of community engagement:

Not applicable

Tier 1: Inform

Tier 2: Consult/Involve

Tier 3: Collaborate

Upon board approval, review of designs will begin.

7. EQUITY ANALYSIS

The district's Racial Equity Analysis toolkit was utilized to guide the planning process for the BEX V Capital Levy, influencing community engagement methods, preparation of the 2018 update to the Facilities Master Plan, and ultimately the final proposed levy package. The board's

guiding principles stated that racial and educational equity should be an overarching principle for the BEX V Capital Levy planning efforts in accordance with Board Policy 0030, Ensuring Educational and Racial Equity. Projects identified for inclusion in the BEX V Capital Levy will ultimately improve conditions for all students in the affected schools. Improved building conditions create a better environment for learning and can provide facilities to better position students for academic success.

8. STUDENT BENEFIT

It is the goal of the district to continue the process of implementing the Buildings, Technology, and Academics/Athletics (BTA) and Building Excellence (BEX) Capital Levy programs to provide students with safe and secure school buildings.

9. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY

- Amount of contract initial value or contract amendment exceeds \$250,000 (Policy No. 6220)
- Amount of grant exceeds \$250,000 in a single fiscal year (Policy No. 6114)
- Adopting, amending, or repealing a Board policy
- Formally accepting the completion of a public works project and closing out the contract
- Legal requirement for the School Board to take action on this matter
- Board Policy No. _____, [TITLE], provides the Board shall approve this item
- Other: _____

10. POLICY IMPLICATION

Per Board Policy No. 6220, Procurement, any contract over \$250,000 must be brought before the Board for approval.

11. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

This motion was discussed at the Operations Committee meeting on March 11, 2021. The Committee reviewed the motion and moved the item forward with a recommendation for approval by the full board.

12. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Anticipated Notice to Proceed Date: April 2021
Substantial Completion Date: September 2025

13. ATTACHMENTS

- Studio Pacifica Proposal for Accessibility Consulting Services, (for reference) (available upon request from the Capital Projects & Planning Department, 206-252-0635)