



AGENDA DATE: January 13, 2023

TO: Purchasing Department
FROM: Suzanne Cooler, County Engineer

ISSUE:

Request Board approval of a professional design services contract with Cogdell Mendrala Architects in the amount of \$744,000 for architectural and engineering design services for a new Early Child Learning Center on East Perry Lane.

BACKGROUND: The Early Childhood Learning Center is to be constructed at East Perry Lane, Hitch Village. The 20,300 sq ft building will provide developmental services for 144 infants, toddlers, and kids. The 2,000 sq ft Hitch Village Library will be constructed as a part of the Early Childhood Learning Center. The new library replaces the library in Hitch Village that is now closed.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

1. The site for the Early Childhood Learning Center, approximately 8.7 acres, is bound by Wheaton Street on the south, East Perry Lane on the north, existing development on the west, and a City of Savannah right of way on the east. The site will house an Early Child Learning Center, library, outdoor playgrounds (3) for the ECLC, shared parking, future 2-story building (YMCA/Outdoor Airnasium/Goodwill Education Center), future recreation fields (2), and storm water detention. The scope of this project will be limited to the Early Childhood Learning Center, the Hitch Village Library, its dedicated parking, storm water detention and shared site infrastructure only.
2. On March 8, 2022, the Board approved the long term ground lease agreement between Chatham County and the Housing Authority of Savannah. The agreement outlined use of the property in accordance with US Housing Urban Development (HUD) guidelines. The end user is East Savannah United
3. A Request for Proposal for design services was publically advertised. Responses were responses were due to be received by May 17, 2022. Responses were received from four (4) firms. (See attached matrix)
4. The project scope and fee were negotiated with Cogdell Mendrala Architects, the highest scoring firm. Staff considers the fee to be fair and reasonable for the work proposed.
5. Early Childhood Learning Center is a joint project with the City of Savannah. Funding is to be split evenly between Chatham County and the City of Savannah.

BLUEPRINT ALIGNMENT: 1.4.2.4.1 – Create clearer process of use of SPLOST funding in regard to neighborhood improvements, infrastructure, parks, and community centers.

FUNDING: ARPA – Early Childhood Learning Center
 (2206001 – 9 – 523900)

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Board approval of a professional design services contract with Cogdell Mendrala Architects in the amount of \$744,000 for architectural and engineering design services for a new Early Child Learning Center on East Perry Lane.
2. Provide staff other direction.

POLICY ANALYSIS: It is consistent with Board policy to award professional service contracts to the highest scoring firm.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Alternative 1.

Matrix - Early Child Learning Center

Suzanne Cooler	Completed	01/04/2023 9:01 AM
Robin Panther	Completed	01/05/2023 12:44 PM
Michael A. Kaigler	Completed	01/06/2023 5:04 PM
Tara Jennings	Completed	01/09/2023 8:26 AM
Bob Marshall	Completed	01/10/2023 10:13 AM
Connel Heyward	Completed	01/05/2023 2:10 PM
Peggy Joyner	Completed	01/06/2023 3:48 PM
Crystal King-Hester	Completed	01/10/2023 10:46 AM
Board of Commissioners	Pending	01/13/2023 9:30 AM

**PROPOSAL / INTERVIEW SCORING FOR RFP : RFP 22-0042-4
A/E Design Services for New Early Child Learning Center Facility**

CRITERIA	Cogdell Mendrala Architects	EYP, Inc.	Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC	Hussey Gay Bell
Experience (30 pts.)	25.5	25.5	22.5	22.5
Qualifications (30 pts.)	25.5	22.5	21	24
Project Understanding (25 pts.)	21.3	22.5	16.3	23.8
M/WBE / Local Participation (15 pts.)	15	12	12	12
PROPOSAL TOTAL	87.3	82.5	71.8	82.3
INTERVIEW	23	21.25	N/A	22
TOTAL SCORE	110.3	103.75	71.8	104.3

#AD: Item G - Professional Architectural and Engineering Design Services Contract for a New Early Child