

(b) Pool of Architect Firms and Delegation of Authority

Mrs. Allen reviewed the request for qualifications (RFQ) process, which produced 21 applications from architecture firms within a 100-mile radius. After reviewing the submitted materials, six of the firms were interviewed, and three of them were selected for recommendation to SCOE's pool of architects. There are two other architecture firms already working on SCOE projects at T.C. McDaniel Center, Irene Larsen Center, and Golden Hills Education Center, and adding three more will bring the total pool to five. There are about 12 projects coming up, and those funded by hardship dollars often have an 18-month timeline. Having a pool of pre-screened architects will allow work to move more quickly. Staff will provide progress updates to the Board. (Attachment B)

The three firms that staff recommends for the pool are Hiber Yamauchi Architects, Inc.; Nacht & Lewis Architects; and mADi Group, Inc. Alton Gay, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation, introduced Mr. Yamauchi, who was present, and explained that his firm is based in Davis, which fulfills another of SCOE's objectives of trying to use local firms.

Staff further requests that the Board delegate authority, without limitation, to the Superintendent and/or his designee to execute and deliver any and all documents which may be deemed necessary or advisable in order to hire, assign, and direct the design of projects approved for financial hardship funding so that they may be completed within the scope of the agreements and within the timelines set by the state's Office of Public School Construction.

Motion was made by Mr. Galvan, seconded by Mr. Silva, and unanimously carried by those present to approve of the pool of architects as recommended by staff, and delegate authority to the County Superintendent and/or designee to hire and assign architects to design projects approved for financial hardship funding. (*Trustees Ford and Coleman were absent.*)

V. COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

There were no comments from the community.

VI. INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEAL HEARINGS

Mr. Speck stated that the Solano County Board of Education was scheduled to hear 11 interdistrict attendance appeals, but the district had decided to reverse all of them and grant the requests, so there were no appeals to hear. For some of the appeals, SCOE did not receive notice of the reversals until shortly before this meeting, and there was not time to notify the Board members.

Dr. Verder-Aliga said it is best when the local district is able to handle these matters internally. She was aware that the Vallejo City Unified School District (VCUSD) had hired someone to specifically deal with interdistrict requests, and that may be making a difference.

Mr. Galvan agreed that each case must be reviewed individually and a decision made based on the unique needs of the student and his/her family situation rather than making broad decisions based solely on strict policies. He suggested sending a letter to the district thanking staff for handling the requests before they became appeals. The other members concurred. Mr. Speck said he would write a letter on the Board's behalf to Dr. Ramona Bishop, Superintendent of VCUSD, thanking the appropriate district staff for their efforts to support families in this way.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Galvan expressed disappointment in problems he had experienced when SCOE moved its medical coverage to CalPERS. Mrs. Allen stated that there had been a few problems related to retirees, partly because CalPERS insisted on communicating directly with the retirees instead of letting SCOE, who is more familiar with their circumstances, serve as liaison. Although Mrs. Allen had asked CalPERS in advance about the unique situations of our Board members, and she was lead to believe there would be no problem, CalPERS now considers the Board members to be active SCOE employees who are not eligible to join the Senior Advantage program until they have retired from serving on SCOE's Board.

The rest of the medical benefits seem to have transferred very well, but this issue only has to do with qualifying for Senior Advantage, and she is continuing to work with CalPERS to resolve it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Attachments: (A) Consolidated Application Funding Matrix
(B) Architect Pool and Decision-Making Letter

Signature on File

Jay Speck
Secretary to the Solano County Board of Education

**SOLANO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION PROGRAMS
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SACS RESOURCE CODE	CATEGORICAL PROGRAM	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007
3010	Title I, Part A Basic Grant (Low Income), NCLB Sec. 101	✓	✓	✓	✓			
3010	Title I, Part A (Neglected), NCLB Sec. 101	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3025	Title I, Part D (Delinquent), NCLB Sec. 1401	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4035, 4010	Title II, Part A (Teacher Quality), NCLB Sec. 2101	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4045	Title II, Part D (Technology), NCLB Sec. 2401	✓	✓	✓	✓			
4203	Title III, Part A (Limited English Proficient [LEP] Students), NCLB Sec. 301	Consortium - SCOE is the LEAD						
3710	Title IV, Part A (Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities [SDFSC]), NCLB Sec. 4001	No longer available	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4110	Title V, Part A (Innovative Strategies), NCLB Sec. 5101	No longer available			✓	✓	✓	✓
	Title VI, Subpart 1, REAP Flexibility, NCLB Sec. 6211	NOT ELIGIBLE						
5810	Title VI, Subpart 1, Small Rural School Achievement, NCLB Sec. 6211	NOT ELIGIBLE						
4126	Title VI, Subpart 2, Rural and Low-Income Grant, NCLB Sec. 6221	NOT ELIGIBLE						
6091	Cal SAFE	NOT ELIGIBLE						
6405	AB1113 Carl Washington School Safety Block Grant, EC 32228	Tier III Flexibility	Tier III Flexibility	Tier III Flexibility	✓	✓	✓	✓
7090, 7091	Economic Impact Aid, EC 54000	COEs NOT ELIGIBLE						
0000	Instructional Time and Professional Development Reform, EC 44579	Tier III Flexibility	Tier III Flexibility	Tier III Flexibility	Block Grant	✓	✓	✓
7271	Peer Assistance Review, EC 44500	Tier III Flexibility	Tier III Flexibility	Tier III Flexibility	Block Grant	✓	✓	✓
7260, 7265	School Improvement Program, EC 52000	COEs NOT ELIGIBLE						
6660	TUPE, Grades 4-8, 104350	No longer available			✓	✓	✓	✓
7375	10th Grade Counseling, EC 48431.6	COEs NOT ELIGIBLE						

Federal Programs (Blue)

State Programs (Black)



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June 25, 2012

To: SCOE Board of Education

From: Leticia A. Allen
Associate Superintendent, Administrative Services and Operations

RE: Approval of Architect Firms and Delegation of Authority

On April 26, 2012, the Solano County Office of Education (SCOE), on behalf of the SCOE Board, sought local (within a 100 mile radius) qualified providers of architectural and engineering services for new construction and modernization projects. Approval of financial hardship applications are providing funding for the design of modernization and new construction facilities in Solano County for SCOE's educational programs. SCOE has eligibility applications pending for a combination of twelve (12) modernization and new construction portable/relocatable building projects within the County Office of Education. It is SCOE's intent to select three (3) to five (5) firms to be placed on an approved list for assignments. Assignments will be based on the suitability of the specific project type with a firm's experience, references, availability and track record to perform work within given timelines and budget constraints.

Written applications were due in the Solano County Office of Education Facilities Department, Bldg. 4, 2460 Clay Bank Road, Fairfield CA. 94533 by 4:00 p.m. on May 17, 2012. All teams applying were required to comply with State of California 5% DVBE participation or good faith effort, as all of the projects are funded by State Facilities Program funds.

Twenty-one statements of qualifications were received with the deadline (one statement was received after the deadline). After reviewing the documents, six architect firms were selected to be interviewed. Of the six firms interviewed, three architect firms were then selected for our pool of architects. Staff recommends that Hiber Yamauchi, Nacht Lewis, and mADI Group be approved and added to the pool of architects. Currently, SCOE has contracts with two architect firms that are working on the Golden Hills classroom project (California Designs West) and on the TC McDaniels and Larsen Centers (WLC Architects).

Staff also requests that the Board delegate authority, without limitation, to the Superintendent and/or his designee to execute and deliver any and all documents which may be deemed necessary or advisable in order to hire, assign and direct the design of projects approved for financial hardship funding so that they may be completed within the scope of the agreements and within timelines set by the Office of Public School Construction. Financial hardship projects must have the design phase substantially completed including receiving the Department of State Architect's approval within 18 months of receipt of funds. SCOE anticipates receiving financial hardship funds within the next two weeks.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (707) 399-4405. Thank you for your consideration.

Board of Education

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