

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Finance Committee

June 14, 2016

**RESOLUTION SELECTING AND RANKING MOST QUALIFIED ENGINEERING
FIRMS FOR CHILLER STUDY**

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2015, the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Public Library accepted a donation from Cleveland Thermal Chilled Water Distribution LLC (“Cleveland Thermal”) to be used for the cost of engaging an engineering consultant, mutually acceptable to both the Library and Cleveland Thermal, to analyze the cooling requirements for the Library and develop an estimate of the acquisition and operating costs of an on-site chiller system; and

WHEREAS, On January 25, 2016, the Cleveland Public Library placed an ad in the Cleveland Plain Dealer announcing its request for statements of qualifications for engineering services to evaluate the potential replacement of the existing Cleveland Thermal chilled water services with an onsite high efficiency chilled water plant at the Main library campus. The Ad also ran in the Cleveland Plain Dealer on February 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, On March 2, 2016, statements of qualification were submitted to the Library by the following engineering firms: tec inc.; The Fowler Company; Osborn Engineering; Karpinski Engineering; T/E/S Engineering; and Brewer-Garrett; and

WHEREAS, An evaluation committee was formed to evaluate the statements of qualifications and to select no fewer than three firms which it considered most qualified. The evaluation committee met and selected the following three engineering firms it determined to be the most qualified: Osborn, T/E/S and Karpinski; and

WHEREAS, During the week of April 11, 2016, the evaluation committee along with a representative of Cleveland Thermal interviewed all three top-ranked firms, and subsequently met to determine the most qualified amongst the top three; and

WHEREAS, The evaluation committee recommends that the top three firms be ranked in the following order with the first being the most qualified, and the remaining two being tied for the second most qualified:

- 1) Osborn Engineering
- 2) T/E/S and Karpinski.

Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Library Trustees hereby accepts the recommendation of the evaluation committee, and announces the selection of Osborn Engineering as most qualified, and T/E/S and Karpinski as tied for the second most qualified; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board authorizes the Executive Director, CEO or his designees, to enter into negotiations for an agreement with the most qualified engineering firm in accordance with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 153.69 which provides, among other things, that if the Library fails to negotiate an agreement with the highest ranked firm for a price that is fair and reasonable, it shall terminate negotiations with the highest ranked firm. Thereafter, the Library and Cleveland Thermal shall agree upon which one of the second highest ranked firms the Library shall enter into negotiations. If the Library fails to negotiate a price that is fair and reasonable with the second firm, the Library shall enter into negotiations with the remaining engineering firm; be it further

RESOLVED, That upon completion of negotiations, the Executive Director shall submit the agreement to this Board for final approval.