

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting
November 17, 2011

**RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACTS FOR MAIN LIBRARY
CONSOLIDATION PROJECT PHASE 1: TECH CENTRAL**

WHEREAS, At its June 17, 2010, meeting the Library Board of Trustees accepted the Library Administrative team's recommendation for the development of a reconfiguration plan for the Main Library that would reduce costs of operation, enhance public service, make the Main Library a destination experience, and strengthen the Main Library's research reputation and services; and

WHEREAS, At its January 20, 2011, meeting the Library Board of Trustees authorized the Director to move forward in taking the steps necessary to work with Bostwick Design Partnership to create Tech Central as the first phase of the Main Library Consolidation Project; and

WHEREAS, At its July 19, 2011 meeting the Library Board of Trustees approved the Construction budget of \$760,000 and Furniture budget of \$340,000, and further authorized the Director to proceed with the soliciting of construction and furniture bids for Phase 1: Tech Central; and

WHEREAS, On September 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2011, a Notice to Bidders was published in the Cleveland Plain Dealer requesting bids for the project; and

WHEREAS, Sealed bids were received for the Phase 1: Tech Central project by 12:00 Noon (Local time) on Tuesday, October 11, 2011; and

WHEREAS, No separate bids were received for the mechanical and plumbing contract, and the Library re-advertised for bids for this trade on October 27 and November 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Sealed bids were received for the mechanical and plumbing contract by 12:00 Noon (Local time) on Thursday, November 10, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Bostwick Design Partnership has tabulated the bids received on October 11, 2011 and November 10, 2011, evaluated the bids as to compliance with the specifications and bid documents as written, investigated responsiveness and responsibility of the lowest bidders, and has identified the lowest and responsible bidders for general trades, electrical, technology, mechanical/plumbing, and furniture contracts; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Cleveland Public Library hereby accepts the recommendations of Bostwick Design Partnership, and awards contracts for the construction of Phase I: Tech Central to the following contractors who this Board determines are the lowest, responsible bidders;

Contractor	Trade	Bid
Sterling Professional Group	Combined general, furniture electrical, mechanical & plumbing	\$ 679,000
US Communications & Electrical, Inc.	Technology	\$ 55,883

With the total expenditure of \$734,883 being charged to Building & Repair Fund, Account 40190105-55300-10901; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the bid from Zenith Systems LLC for technology in the amount of \$34,975 is hereby determined to be nonresponsive on the basis that it did not include all the requirements of the plans and specifications in its pricing; be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute contracts for the above awarded contracts, which contracts shall be subject to the approval of the Library's Chief Legal Officer.



16 November 2011

Board of Trustees
Cleveland Public Library
325 Superior Ave
Cleveland, OH 44114

RE: Tech Central Bid Recommendation

Dear Board Members,

We have reviewed the bids and researched bidders' information gathered after the opening on October 11, 2011 and November 10, 2011. The bids from contractors listed below were all in order, and represent the lowest responsible bids meeting all contract document requirements. We also did our due diligence with Zenith because they were the lowest bidder for the Technology portion of the work. After conversations with them it was determined, by the design team, that they were non-responsive because they failed to include key elements into their bid.

Therefore, we recommend that Cleveland Public Library award contracts to the following Contractors and authorize them to move forward on the project:

- General Trades, Mechanical/Plumbing, Electrical and Furniture:
Sterling Professional Group \$679,000
- Technology:
US Communication \$ 55,883

The aggregate bids of the trades listed above sum to \$734,883 and do not exceed 110% of the architects' \$1,067,387 million estimate for the construction cost of the project.

We will schedule a pre-construction meeting as soon as contracts are signed with the above mentioned bidders. If you have any questions regarding the bids, please contact me at 216-621-7900.

Sincerely,
BOSTWICK DESIGN PARTNERSHIP

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