

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES**B. Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee****On-Call Civil and Structural Master Term Engineering Agreement – Select Engineering Firm****RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

It is the recommendation of the administration and the Finance, Audit and Facilities Committee that the President be delegated authority to award a term agreement for on-call civil and structural engineering services to Reid Middleton, Inc., subject to successful negotiation of the engineering and professional services agreements.

In the event of an unsuccessful negotiation with the selected firm, it is requested that authority be delegated to open negotiations with KPFF, the firm recommended as first alternate.

BACKGROUND:

The Capital Projects Office intends to select an engineering firm for an on-call Master Term Agreement for various civil/structural projects. As individual projects arise, the parties will negotiate the scope of work and fee and formalize it in a project authorization. Project authorizations under the Master Term Agreement will be executed prior to the expiration of the Master Term Agreement, and will be limited to those with a total project budget (including design, construction, contingency and other costs) of less than \$4 million.

The term agreement will have a total project value of \$8 million and will be for an initial two-year period with an optional two-year renewal (for a maximum of four years). If the consultant performs well on work awarded during the first two-year period then it is the intention of the Capital Projects Office to continue engineering services with the same consultant for a second two-year period. It is anticipated that working with a consultant with successful recent experience in the design and delivery of projects for the University of Washington may result in the production of better design documents in a more timely fashion. It also assures that planning work initiated at the latter end of the first two-year period can be executed by the same consultant in the second two-year period.

In September 2008, the Capital Projects Office advertised for firms interested in providing on-call civil and structural engineering services. Eight firms responded to the Request for Qualifications, and three firms were interviewed on October 23, 2008. It is the interview team's recommendation that Reid Middleton, Inc. be awarded the term agreement for on-call civil and structural engineering services.

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Reid Middleton, Inc. is a Seattle firm established in 1953 and currently employs 100 people. Reid Middleton, Inc. has provided services to the University of Washington at the IMA Building Expansion, Conibear Shellhouse Renovation and Expansion, the Boat Street Marina Renovation, the Southwest Campus Demolition and seismic upgrade work at the Friday Harbor Laboratory. Reid Middleton, Inc. has also provided services for a broad range of project types to other public agencies including the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Port of Seattle, City of Seattle and City of Bellevue.