

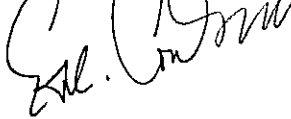


College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: CSISD Board of Trustees

From: Eddie Coulson, Superintendent of Schools 

Date: May 11, 2007

Subject: Consider Selection of Architect(s) and Authorizing the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate the terms of contracts with such Architect(s)

Agenda Item: L-1

Board Priority/
District Goals: Priorities 1, 2, and 3/Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

Background

The College Station School District Board of Trustees called for a bond election of \$67,420,000 on February 20, 2007. Included in the bond election are several major projects, including the construction of two new schools, the demolition of a school, the renovation of some of the athletic facilities, and several other capital projects. A large part of the process of completion of the construction calls for CSISD to identify an architect for the design and construction phases of the projects.

To determine a firm to recommend to the CSISD Board of Trustees, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised, and eleven architectural firms responded to the RFQ. Of the eleven architects that responded, a screening committee of Eddie Coulson, Mike Ball, Marc Chaloupka and Randall Pitcock chose three firms to interview.

Three firms were interviewed on May 10, 2007 by a committee comprised of Randall Pitcock, Marc Chaloupka, Eddie Coulson, Mike Ball, Greg McIntyre, Clark Ealy, Ann Ganter, David Norton and Royce Thomas. Based on the information the architects submitted via the RFQ process and the interviews, VLK Architects was the first choice by the committee to recommend to the CSISD Board of Trustees.

VLK Architects has an excellent reputation among school districts and other architectural firms. VLK Architects plans to have Steve Aloway work with the district on construction projects that have been identified. Mr. Aloway is a principal with VLK Architects and has been associated with VLK since 1993.

Recommendation

Consider approval of selecting VLK Architects as the District's architectural firm for the 2007 Bond Program and authorizing the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate the terms of the contract with VLK.