

# **BOARD OF REGENTS**

## **EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

SECTION: **17**

DATE:

November 27, 2007

### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **CONTRACT EXECUTION AUTHORITY FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR MARK JEFFERSON SCIENCE COMPLEX**

##### **ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents grant signatory authority to the Executive Vice President and/or Vice President for Business and Finance to sign a contractual agreement for professional architectural and engineering design services with Lord, Aeck and Sargent, Ann Arbor, Michigan for the Mark Jefferson Science Complex (MJSC).

##### **STAFF SUMMARY**

During the month of May 2007, Eastern Michigan University issued a Request for Qualifications and received nineteen responses. After a qualification based selection process, three firms were selected to receive the Request for Proposal and to participate in an interview process. The interview process was conducted during the month of October 2007 with the MJSC Advisory Committee. The interview process was open to the public.

The MJSC Advisory Committee indicated to the MJSC Executive Committee that Lord, Aeck and Sargent was the preferred firm to provide professional design services for this project.

Lord, Aeck and Sargent, had demonstrated significant experience with providing these services on similar projects. Additionally, Lord, Aeck and Sargent has outlined expertise and depth of resources for sustainability and LEED's certification, along with familiarity of the site and Eastern Michigan University's intent of creating a significant identity for a science complex on the main campus.

The MJSC Executive Committee reviewed and concurred with the recommendation of the MJSC Advisory Committee and is recommending to the Board of Regents that a contractual arrangement be made with Lord, Aeck and Sargent and Eastern Michigan University for these services.

##### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The estimated cost for these services is \$4.5 million. These expenses will be paid from the \$100 million MJSC Project budget. Project funds of \$100 million will be provided primarily through the sale of bonds. The University is prepared, and has the financial capacity to execute such borrowing. Repayment of these bonds will be funded by the 4% tuition and fee increase that began in FY2006 to address the campus' needs. The balance of the required funding will come from the 4% tuition and fee increase that has been collected since FY 2006, but has not yet been spent.

##### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and is recommended for Board approval.

**University Executive Officer**

**Date**