

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2013-0171

Sponsored by: **County Executive FitzGerald/Department of Public Works**

A Resolution making an award on RQ27969 to the architectural firm of Cooper Carry, Inc.; authorizing the County Executive to negotiate, enter into, and execute an initial 90-day contract with Cooper Carry, Inc. in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,500,000.00 and to execute all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 501 of the Cuyahoga County Code, the Department of Public Works issued a request for qualifications (RFQ # RQ27969) seeking statements of qualifications from criteria architects for the Convention Center Hotel project; and,

WHEREAS, the County received 17 statements of qualifications in response to the RFQ; and,

WHEREAS, the County evaluated the qualifications of the proposers pursuant to Chapter 501 of the County Code and the architectural firm of Cooper Carry, Inc. received the highest ranking; and,

WHEREAS, due to the complexity of the project and the scope involved, it is not possible to determine with a reasonable amount of certainty the maximum not-to-exceed value of the contract with the criteria architect before completion of some preliminary investigation and design work by the criteria architect; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the criteria architect selected pursuant to the RFQ to proceed with the initial phase of work necessary to keep the project on schedule; and,

WHEREAS, Council has determined to award an initial 90-day contract to Cooper Carry, Inc. pursuant to the RFQ for an amount not exceed \$1.5 million; and,

WHEREAS, once the initial work is completed and it becomes necessary to retain the criteria architect for the project, the definitive agreement with the criteria architect shall be subject to Council's approval; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective to ensure that the Convention Center Hotel project can stay on schedule.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. County Council hereby makes an award RQ27969 for a criteria architect for the Convention Center Hotel to Cooper Carry, Inc. and authorizes the County Executive to negotiate and enter into an initial 90-day contract with Cooper Carry, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million. The initial contract shall maintain the County's rights to any intellectual property rights to the completed work.

SECTION 2. The final definitive agreement with Cooper Carry, Inc. for the Convention Center Hotel project shall be subject to Council's approval.

SECTION 3. The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute a contract and all other documents, as approved by the Director of Law as to legal form and correctness, in accordance with this Resolution.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Miller, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas: Germana, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady and Connally

Nays: None


County Council President

8-13-13
Date


County Executive

8/15/13
Date


Clerk of Council

8/13/2013
Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: July 23, 2013
Committee(s) Assigned: Economic Development & Planning

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