

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date of May 11, 2010

ITEM # 23

ITEM TITLE:

Consider Approval to Assign Fisher Friedman Agreements to NBBJ

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval is requested to assign the Fisher Friedman Associates agreements for architectural services to NBBJ.

ITEM SUMMARY:

Fisher-Friedman Associates has three current agreements for architectural services for projects with the District. The firm has recently merged with NBBJ, and approval is requested to assign the three Fisher Friedman Associates' agreements to the firm of NBBJ. The agreements are:

Project	Amount of Agreement (Including Approved Amendments)	Board Approval Date of Original Agreement
Merritt Learning Resources/Library	\$477,609	4/8/08
860 Atlantic Avenue	\$411,000	11/28/08
Expansion of Cougar Village (interim housing)	\$340,000	3/9/10

The owner of Fisher Friedman Associates recently retired, and the decision was made to merge with the architectural firm of NBBJ. NBBJ was established in 1943 and is an international firm with a local office in San Francisco. The firm has produced award-winning work for long-term clients including higher educational institutions such as the University of California, California State University, Stanford University and the Graduate Theological Union. There will be no change in staffing for any of the Peralta projects under the new firm. The Fisher Friedman principal architect assigned to Peralta's projects will continue to provide services for District projects as a principal with NBBJ. All of the current Fisher Friedman supporting staff will also continue.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Fisher Friedman Associates was originally selected for these projects from the Board approved short list of architectural firms.

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

Not applicable.

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval is recommended to assign the Fisher Friedman Associates agreements for architectural services to NBBJ.

SOURCE OF FUNDS (AND FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT):

This approval is a assignment of contract only. The terms of the contract will not change, and there will be no additional expenditures involved.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):

YES _____ No X

COMMENTS:

All Board recommended contracts are subject to negotiation and execution by the Chancellor.

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?

Vice Chancellor Ikhara

DID A BOARD STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE ITEM? YES _____ NO X

IF "YES", PLEASE INCLUDE THAT INFORMATION IN YOUR SUMMARY.

PLEASE ACQUIRE SIGNATURES IN THIS ORDER:

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Prepared by: Sadiq B. Ikharmo Date: 5/4/10
Dr. Sadiq B. Ikharo
Vice Chancellor of General Services

DOCUMENT PRESENTED BY:

Sadiq B. Ikharmo Date: 5/4/10
Dr. Sadiq B. Ikharo
Vice Chancellor of General Services

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW

Finance review required Finance review *not* required

If Finance review is required, determination is: Approved Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason: _____

Signature: A. J. [Signature] Date: 5/5/10
For Finance and Administration

GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):

Legal review required Legal review *not* required

If Legal review is required, determination is: Approved Not Approved

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5/4/10
Thuy T. Nguyen, General Counsel

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL

Approved, and Place on Agenda Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature: [Signature] Date: 5/4/10
Elihu Harris, Chancellor

April 8, 2010

Atheria Smith
Facilities Planning and Development Manager
Peralta Community College District
333 East 8th Street
Oakland, CA 94606

Dear Atheria,

The Peralta Community College District is a thriving network committed to supporting learning and teaching and thereby strengthening the quality of the workforce of the Bay Area. It has been a pleasure and privilege for Fisher Friedman Associates to collaborate with you over many years. We have taken great pride in building a strong relationship with you and, through our projects, contribute to improving the experience of faculty and students on the campuses.

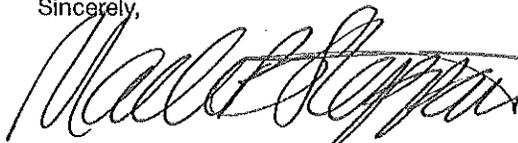
After over 46 years of practice, Rodney Friedman is retiring and Fisher Friedman Associates has considered a range of next steps. As a result of an extensive process of evaluation of our staff, the markets in which we have developed strength, the markets where we are interested in growing, and the specialized technical expertise of other design firms, we believe that the quality of our work and service will be improved by combining our resources with those of NBBJ.

NBBJ was established in 1943 and has thrived ever since. With studios all throughout the world and particular presence in San Francisco for the past 25 years, the portfolio of the firm includes award-winning work performed with long-term clients that include peer higher education institutions such as the University of California, California State University, Stanford University and the Graduate Theological Union. A glimpse of our work is included in the attached document. We realize that words and images only serve to describe our work to a certain extent. Our commitment is best expressed in person, as we share our understanding of the Peralta Community College District and look forward to your consideration of extending our relationship to successfully complete the construction administration phase of the Merritt Swing Space Building, construction documents and DSA approval for the Merritt Learning Center/Library project, construction documents for 860 Atlantic Avenue, and design documentation for the College of Alameda Portables project.

We appreciate your time in meeting with us to discuss our primary goal to remain committed to performing at the highest level on behalf of the Peralta Community College District. In that regard, David Tritt, Stephanie Pusey, Kristoffer Tendall and I will remain as your primary contacts for design, project management, coordination and technical delivery through the duration of the project. Lilian Asperin-Clyman will join the team as well to support the seamless integration of the project within the context of the NBBJ and to represent the firm's commitment to Peralta Community College District.

We take great pride in both building great relationships and delivering work that meets your highest aspirations. We look forward to continuing to work with you to exceed your expectations.

Sincerely,



Mark B. Steppan, AIA, CSI, NCARB
Principal



Lilian Asperin-Clyman, AIA, LEED AP
Principal