

# **BOARD OF EDUCATION OF HARFORD COUNTY**

## **INFORMATIONAL REPORT**

### **DECISION ON AWARD OF CONTRACT PRE-CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES HARFORD TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL LIMITED RENOVATION**

**October 10, 2022**

#### Background Information:

As part of the FY 2023 Capital Improvement Budget Request, the Board of Education of Harford County approved capital funding in the amount of \$20,000,000.00, as required, for planning, design, and construction services for the Harford Technical High School Limited Renovation project.

Also, as part of the FY 2023 Capital Improvement Budget Request, the Board of Education of Harford County requested local planning and construction approval for the Harford Technical High School Limited Renovation. This project is State and locally funded. Local planning approval was granted by the State Public School Construction Program on May 31, 2022. The project requires engineering, design, and construction administration services to develop construction documents and complete the scope of work necessary to obtain pricing to complete the limited renovation at Harford Technical High School.

#### Discussion:

A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Management (CM) services was issued by HCPS' Planning & Construction Department. In response to this RFQ, ten (10) firms submitted responses. The responses were evaluated by a selection committee that considered team qualifications, experience, workload, and references. Four (4) firms were "shortlisted," interviewed and ranked.

As the result of this process, the committee has selected the CM firm of Hess Construction + Engineering Services, Inc. (Hess) to provide the services required to successfully complete the Harford Technical High School Limited Renovation project. Hess has extensive CM delivery experience of K-12 projects. They have completed extensive work in Harford County successfully, including Havre de Grace Middle/High School.

This project is a multi-phased/occupied, forty (40) month planning and construction project. This duration formed the basis of the scope and fee proposal negotiations. However, at this point in the planning and design process, we are only proceeding with the pre-construction portion of their CM services. The pre-construction management services required include review of the design and construction documents to assure accuracy and coordination among the design disciplines. The CM will conduct constructability reviews, provide engineering recommendations,

and detailed construction estimates at each phase of the design. Once the construction documents have been completed and funding has been appropriated, we will negotiate a fee for the construction administration phase of the project.

Superintendent's Recommendation:

The Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Board of Education approve a contract for the above-described professional pre-construction management services to Hess Construction + Engineering Services, Inc. in the amount of \$110,000.00.