

June 20, 2024

TO: THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

FROM: DR. KATHLEEN PLINSKE

President

**RE:** AWARD OF RFQ 2024-19, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT CONTINUING SERVICES

On April 30, 2024, the College issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2024-19, Landscape Architect Continuing Services. The solicitation sought qualified Landscape Architect firms for various Valencia College projects via a continuing service contract with initial three-year terms, each with an option to be renewed for up to two one-year periods as mutually agreed upon. The actual contracted work will be determined by Valencia College and be in compliance with Section 287.055 (2)(g), F.S.

Proposals for the RFQ were received and opened on May 23, 2024. The following eight firms submitted proposals in response to the solicitation:

Baker Barrios Architects Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. RVE, Inc.

Catalyst Design Group LandDesign, Inc. Vanasse Hangen Brustin, Inc.

CPH Consulting, LLC METRO Consulting Group, LLC

A public evaluation meeting was held on May 31, 2024, to review qualifications. Three committee members reviewed and ranked the proposals based on the following criteria: business structure, proposed team members and responsibilities, team's design experience with continuing service contracts, team's experience, and proximity/location.

In accordance with the RFQ process, the Evaluation Committee elected to move directly to final selection of the four highest ranked firms: Catalyst Design Group, LandDesign, Inc., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., and RVE, Inc.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College award contracts for RFQ 2024-19, Landscape Architect Continuing Services, subject to the negotiations of mutually agreeable contracts, to the following four firms: Catalyst Design Group, LandDesign, Inc., Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., and RVE, Inc.

Kathlen Plinske President