October 19, 2010

Subject: Ice Arena, University Park

To: Short List

Crawford/Bohlin Cywinski Jackson
Populous/BLT
Sink Combs Dethlefs/Hoffman

Dear Design Professional:

In keeping with our recently adopted policy, this letter with the results of the Screening Committee’s discussion regarding selection of the short list for this project has been posted to our website. I am pleased to inform you that your team is one of three selected for submission to the Board of Trustees Subcommittee on Architect Selection.

Interviews will be conducted at The Penn Stater Conference Center, University Park on Thursday November 4, 2010. The interview schedule is as follows:

Crawford/Bohlin Cywinski Jackson 8:00 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. Room 108
Populous/BLT 9:10 A.M. – 10:10 A.M. Room 107

In order to maximize the efficiency of the interview process and provide us with ample time to ask questions, you will be limited to no more than 30 minutes for your presentation allowing us 30 minutes for follow-up questions. I urge you to use the time wisely and refrain from simply repeating the material already submitted in your proposal. We are most interested in your approach to our specific project, your understanding of the key issues that will shape it and any initial broad ideas or concepts that you may have developed during this process. It is most important to us that the key team members assigned to this project and any major consultants be present for the interview; however, please limit the number of team attendees to five. A screen and three easels will be provided for your use. A floor plan of the interview room is enclosed with this letter.

In order to help us prepare for the interviews, please submit to me, via e-mail, by 10:00 A.M. Monday November 1, 2010 an outline of your presentation. In addition, we are formulating a number of follow-up questions for each firm and will be sending them out by Friday October 22, 2010; we will expect to receive the responses with the presentation outline on November 1, 2010.
In the event that your firm is selected, we will show the Board of Trustees examples representative of your work; with this in mind, we require that you submit to us photographs in digital format no later than 12:00 noon on Monday November 1, 2010. Requirements for the photographs are described in the attached sheet. It is important that the photographs be representative of the type of project and function that we are addressing.

The result of the interviews will be announced at the Board of Trustees meeting on Friday November 5, 2010 and will be posted to our website by 5:00 P.M. that day.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Screening Committee
REQUIREMENTS FOR COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF BUILT PROJECTS

Examples of the Architect’s / Engineers’s built projects are required for presentation to the Board of Trustees as part of the approval process. Images will be used for a Powerpoint presentation and will be projected onto a large screen in a dimly lit room.

Approximately (12) high quality exterior and (6) high quality interior photos should be submitted along with a very brief description of each photo. Photos must be of BUILT projects and should be relevant to the proposed project. Hand drawn renderings, computer drawn renderings and models, and photos of study models will NOT be accepted. It is highly recommended that interior shots include people using the space. Please send digital photographs that meet the following minimum standards.

Minimum photo dimensions:
6.5 x 10 inches (975 x 1500 pixels)
Minimum resolution: 150 pixels/inch
(Photos will be inserted into Powerpoint with a 6.5” x 10” dimension at a maximum resolution of 220pixels/inch)

Preferred photo formats: .tif, .jpg, .gif for use in a PC environment

File transfer methods:
-email is preferred with a maximum attachment file size of about 5mb/email.
-Files may be zipped (compressed) using WinZip and/or emailed individually.
-photos on CD-rom are acceptable.

Photos should NOT contain any text. A descriptive reference document should be included that provides a project name and location for each photo. Please send to:

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Please don’t hesitate to call or email with any questions or concerns.
Board of Trustees Architect / Engineering Interview Room Layout