The State Department of Finance (DOF) recently cancelled a Chancellor’s Office approved project to repair buildings on the Fremont campus that had been subjected to above-grade water intrusion. The Chancellor’s Office strongly supports this project and upon consultation with the DOF has recommended that the District initiate a new project that would address the concerns of the DOF. To better meet capital project criteria, the new project would include, in addition to waterproofing, selected systems and access improvements to upgrade the buildings to current building standards.

The process to apply for State funding for capital projects begins with the preparation of a Final Project Proposal (FPP.) The FPP is a plan to identify the scope and prepare a thorough budget estimate of the proposed project(s). The FPP process will identify the scope, the building selection, the quantity and variety of systems to include in the project.

Government Code Section 4526 allows the District to contract with professional architectural firms based on demonstrated competency and professional qualifications without a formal selections process.

The District’s architectural firm, tBP, has submitted a proposal for their services related to the preparation of the FPP in the not-to-exceed amount of $125,000 plus a $5000 budget for reimbursable expenses. The FPP must be completed and submitted to the State Chancellor’s Office no later than June 30, 2009. This contract will be charged to account 41-0-20-71010-0000-55148 (Redevelopment Architect Svc.)

RECOMMENDATION

The President/Superintendent recommends that the Board of Trustees approve contract 443-0901 with tBP Architecture for preparation of an FPP for a Fremont campus building modernization project in an amount not-to-exceed $130,000, which includes an allowance for reimbursable expenses.