

**MINUTES OF THE
LOUISIANA ENGINEERS SELECTION BOARD
July 12, 2023**

A meeting of the Louisiana Engineers Selection Board (LESB) was held in the Claiborne Building, 1201 N. Third Street, Room 1-100 (Louisiana Purchase Room), Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802 on July 12, 2023.

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 a.m. by Mr. Ali Mustapha, Chairperson. Those members present were: Mr. Ali Mustapha, Mr. Kent Poyser, Mr. Jim Ferguson and Ms. Lisa Smeltzer. Those members absent were: Mr. Warren Hull. Also present as Legal Counsel was Mr. Ryan Montegut, Attorney General’s Office.

The first item of business was the adoption of the April 12, 2023 minutes. Mr. Poyser moved to adopt the minutes, and Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion. With no opposition, the April 12, 2023 minutes were adopted.

The next item of business was to ask for any new business. There was none.

The next item of business was to ask for any public comments. There was none.

The next item of business was the selection of designers.

Item #1: Lab Ventilation and Fume Hood Replacement, Energy Coast & Environmental (ECE) Building, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Project No. 19-671-22-01, F.19002476; Mr. Tony Lombardo gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

| Project # 1 Firm | Nomination Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|---|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| B – IMC Consulting Engineers, Inc. | | | Absent | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| F – Marrero, Couvillon & Associates, LLC | | 3 | | 3 | | 1 | 7 |
| E – Salas O’Brien | 3 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| G – Assaf, Simoneaux, Tauzin & Associates, Inc. | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | | 4 |
| D – Thompson Luke & Associates, LLC | 1 | | | | | | 1 |

2nd Place Tiebreaker Ballot between Firm B and Firm F

| Project # 1 Firm | Tiebreaker Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|--|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| B – IMC Consulting Engineers, Inc. | X | | Absent | | X | X | 3 |
| F – Marrero, Couvillon & Associates, LLC | | X | | X | | | 2 |

Final Ballot between Firm E and Firm B

| Project # 1 Firm | Final Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| E – Salas O’Brien | X | X | Absent | X | | | 3 |
| B – IMC Consulting Engineers, Inc. | | | | | X | X | 2 |

By majority vote the firm of Salas O’Brien was selected.

Item #2: Replacement of Air Handling Units, M L Trail Clinical Sciences Research Building, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans, Louisiana; Mr. Tony Lombardo gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

| Project # 2 Firm | Nomination Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|---|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| B – GVA Engineering, LLC | 2 | 2 | Absent | 1 | 3 | 3 | 11 |
| D – Huseman & Associates, LLC | | | | | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| E – Thompson Luke & Associates, LLC | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| G – ADG New Orleans, LLC | 1 | 3 | | 3 | 1 | | 8 |
| A – Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLC | 3 | 1 | | | | | 4 |
| H - Marrero, Couvillon & Associates, LLC | | | | 2 | | | 2 |

Final Ballot between Firm B and Firm G

| Project # 2 Firm | Final Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| B – GVA Engineering, LLC | X | | Absent | | X | X | 3 |
| G – ADG New Orleans, LLC | | X | | X | | | 2 |

By majority vote the firm of GVA Engineering, LLC was selected.

Item #3: Mechanical and Electrical Repairs, Central Plant Building, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Project No. 19-671-22-01, F.19002477; Mr. Kevin Martin gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

| Project # 3 Firm | Nomination Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| C – Associated Design Group, Inc. | 1 | 2 | Absent | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 |
| A – M & E Consulting, Inc. | 3 | 3 | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| B – Salas O’Brien | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |

By majority of first place votes, the contract was awarded to the firm of Salas O’Brien.

Item #4: Campus Exterior Lighting Upgrades, Southern University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana; Project No. 19-617-22-01, F.19002487; Mr. Kenneth Dawson gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

| Project # 4 Firm | Nomination Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|--|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| C – Parish Engineering, LLC | 2 | 3 | Absent | 3 | 2 | 3 | 13 |
| F – Manchac Consulting Group, Inc. | | | | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
| G – Forte & Tablada, Inc. | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| A – Lucien T. Vivien, Jr. & Associates | 3 | 1 | | | 3 | | 7 |

By majority of first place votes, the contract was awarded to the firm of Parish Engineering, LLC.

Item #5: Boiler Replacement, Power House East, East Louisiana Mental Health System, Jackson, Louisiana; Project No. 01-107-18-02, F.01004473; Ms. Laura Beth Lott gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

| Project # 5 Firm | Nomination Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|--|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| A – Eyre Engineering, LLC | 2 | 1 | Absent | 2 | 2 | 3 | 10 |
| C – Thompson Luke & Associates, LLC | 3 | 3 | | 1 | 3 | 2 | 12 |
| D – Salas O’Brien | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| E – Marrero, Couvillon & Associates, LLC | | 2 | | 3 | 1 | | 6 |
| B – Parish Engineering, LLC | 1 | | | | | | 1 |

By majority of first place votes, the contract was awarded to the firm of Thompson Luke & Associates, LLC.

Item #6: Replace Air Handler Units, Phase II, Oakcrest Building, East Louisiana Mental Health System, Jackson, Louisiana; Project No. 01-107-18-02, F.01004461; Ms. Laura Beth Lott gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

| Project # 6 Firm | Nomination Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|---|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| A – Eyre Engineering, LLC | 3 | 3 | Absent | 3 | 3 | 3 | 15 |
| C – Thompson Luke & Associates, LLC | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| D – Salas O’Brien | | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| B – Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLC | 1 | | | 2 | | | 3 |

By unanimous vote, the contract was awarded to the firm of Eyre Engineering, LLC.

Item #7: Replace Emergency Generator, Chief Justice Pascal F. Calagero, Jr. Courthouse, New Orleans, Louisiana; Project No. 01-107-18-02, F.01004466; Mr. R. Glenn Frazier gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

| Project # 7 Firm | Nomination Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|--|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| B – GVA Engineering, LLC | | | Absent | | | 3 | 3 |
| F – YKMH Consulting, LLC | 2 | 2 | | | 3 | 2 | 9 |
| A – Lucien T. Vivien, Jr. & Associates | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| C – TLC Engineering Solutions, Inc. | 3 | | | | 1 | | 4 |
| I – Marrero, Couvillon & Associates, LLC | | 3 | | 3 | | | 6 |
| H – Manchac Consulting Group, Inc. | | | | 2 | | | 2 |

2nd Place Tiebreaker Ballot between Firm A and Firm I

| Project # 7 Firm | Tiebreaker Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|--|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| A – Lucien T. Vivien, Jr. & Associates | X | | Absent | | X | X | 3 |
| I – Marrero, Couvillon & Associates, LLC | | X | | X | | | 2 |

Final Ballot between Firm F and Firm A

| Project # 2 Firm | Final Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|--|--------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| F – YKMH Consulting, LLC | X | X | Absent | | X | X | 4 |
| A – Lucien T. Vivien, Jr. & Associates | | | | X | | | 1 |

By majority vote the firm of YKMH Consulting, LLC was selected.

Item #8: Emergency Power Upgrades, Swanson Center for Youth at Columbia, Office of Juvenile Justice, Columbia, Louisiana; Project No. 08-403-04-02, F.08000150; Mr. Curtis Badon gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

| Project # 8 Firm | Nomination Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|--|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| A – John J. Guth Associates, Inc. | 3 | 2 | Absent | 2 | 3 | 3 | 13 |
| C – EMA Engineering & Consulting, Inc. | | | | | | 2 | 2 |
| D – Salas O'Brien | 1 | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| B – Nesbit & Associates, LLC | | 1 | | 1 | 2 | | 4 |
| F – Marrero, Couvillon & Associates, LLC | | 3 | | 3 | 1 | | 7 |
| G – Forte & Tablada, Inc. | 2 | | | | | | 2 |

By majority of first place votes, the contract was awarded to the firm of John J. Guth Associates, Inc.

Item #9: Replace Uninterruptible Power Supply, Information Services Building, State Capitol Park, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Project No. 01-107-18-02, F.01004455; Mr. R. Glenn Frazier gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

| Project # 9 Firm | Nomination Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|---|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| B – Nesbit & Associates, LLC | | 2 | Absent | | 3 | 3 | 8 |
| D – M & E Consulting, Inc. | | | | 1 | | 2 | 3 |
| C – Parish Engineering, LLC | 1 | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| H – Assaf, Simoneaux, Tauzin & Associates, Inc. | 3 | 1 | | | 2 | | 6 |
| G – Marrero, Couvillon & Associates, Inc. | | 3 | | 3 | 1 | | 7 |
| A – TLC Engineering Solutions, Inc. | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| F – Manchac Consulting Group, Inc. | | | | 2 | | | 2 |

Final Ballot between Firm B and Firm G

| Project # 9 Firm | Final Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|---|--------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| B – Nesbit & Associates, LLC | | | Absent | | X | X | 2 |
| G – Marrero, Couvillon & Associates, Inc. | X | X | | X | | | 3 |

By majority vote the firm of Marrero, Couvillon & Associates, Inc. was selected.

Item #10: 4th Floor HVAC Replacement, Joseph S. Clark Administration Building, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Project No. 19-671-22-01, F.19002485; Mr. Kenneth Dawson gave a brief scope of the project; votes were recorded as follows:

| Project # 10 Firm | Nomination Ballot | | | | | | Total |
|---|-------------------|----------|--------|--------|----------|------|-------|
| | Mustapha | Ferguson | Hull | Poyser | Smeltzer | User | |
| C – Parish Engineering, LLC | | | Absent | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| G – Marrero, Couvillon & Associates, Inc. | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 | 4 |
| B – M & E Consulting, Inc. | 1 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| H – Assaf, Simoneaux, Tauzin & Associates, Inc. | | 3 | | 3 | 3 | | 9 |
| A – Eyre Engineering, LLC | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| E – Salas O’Brien | 2 | | | | | | 2 |

By majority of first place votes, the contract was awarded to the firm of Assaf, Simoneaux, Tauzin & Associates, Inc.

There being no further business, Mr. Ferguson moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Poyser. There being no opposition, the meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.