

**ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING FIRM FOR THE  
HUMAN HEALTH BUILDING**

**A Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Finance and Administration and Facilities Management
  
2. **Introduction:** The Governor of the State of Michigan signed the Capital Outlay Budget for FY2008, Senate Bill 511, allocating a capital appropriation of \$40 million for Oakland University (University) to build a Human Health Building (HHB) at an estimated total cost of \$61,748,075. The \$21,748,075 University match will be funded from private support and/or bond proceeds.

The preliminary program statement for the HHB notes approximately 157,300 square feet which will be the new home for the School of Nursing (SON) and School of Health Sciences (SHS), with shared common spaces, and general purpose classrooms.

Board of Trustee (Board) approval of an architectural and engineering firm (Firm) is necessary to proceed with project planning. Nineteen Firms responded to a widely distributed and advertised Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The RFQ submissions were reviewed and evaluated resulting in five Firms (Albert Kahn, Harley Ellis Deveroux, Progressive AE, SHWGroup, and SmithGroup) being selected to participate in a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The proposals were reviewed by the Human Health Building Oversight Committee (Committee) consisting of the following members:

Virinder K. Moudgil, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost  
Linda Thompson Adams, Dean, School of Nursing  
Kenneth R. Hightower, Dean, School of Health Sciences  
John W. Beaghan, Vice President for Finance and Administration  
Terry Stollsteimer, Associate Vice President – Facilities Management  
Steve L. Zmich, Director, Facilities Planning and Design  
John Harmala, Senior Project Manager (Committee guest for proposal review)  
Maria Ebner-Smith (Committee guest for proposal review)

After a thorough review of RFQ and RFP responses, detailed interviews, experience with similar health education building types, excellent references, interest and enthusiasm for the project, and unique ability to understand and reflect the University's vision for this project, the Committee recommends SmithGroup to provide architectural and engineering services for the HHB project.

The base fee, including reimbursable expenses and University controlled contingencies is \$2,989,150 which includes schematic design, design development, construction documents, bidding, construction administration, site selection/master planning, pathway design for telecommunications, basic and enhanced commissioning, and management of the State of Michigan Department of Management and Budget approval process.

3. **Previous Board Action:** On November 5, 2008, a Reimbursement Resolution for the HHB project was approved by the Board.

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4. **Budget Implications:** Architectural and engineering fees are budgeted in the HHB project. The proposed contract is within budget.
5. **Educational Implications:** The HHB will be the new home for the School of Nursing and School of Health Sciences, as well as general purpose classrooms.
6. **Personnel Implications:** None.
7. **University Reviews/Approvals:** This recommendation was formulated by the Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and reviewed by the Vice President for Finance and Administration and the Human Health Building Oversight Committee.

8. **Recommendation:**

RESOLVED, that the Vice President for Finance and Administration be authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with SmithGroup, Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the Human Health Building; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the contract be reviewed and approved by the Office of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel prior to execution, and be in compliance with the law and University policies and regulations and conform to legal standards and policies of the Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that consistent with Board of Trustees' policy, the schematic design will be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval prior to proceeding with construction; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the total cost for all architectural and engineering services, inclusive of reimbursables and Oakland University contingencies shall not exceed \$2,989,150.

9. **Attachments:** None.

Submitted to the President  
on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 by

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John W. Beaghan  
Vice President for Finance and Administration  
and Treasurer to the Board of Trustees

Recommended on \_\_\_\_\_, 2009  
to the Board for approval by

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Gary D. Russi  
President