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Designer Recommendation

Date: December 9, 2019

Project: Arena Renovations and Systems Improvements
UT Knoxville
SBC 540/009-07-2017

Category: Standard
Total Budget: \$12,700,000
MACC: \$9,650,000
Designer Fee: \$723,602

Project Approved: July 13, 2017 by SBC

This project includes renovations to dressing rooms, meeting rooms, media center, building systems, and security. Also included are replacement of interior door hardware and exterior doors, and additional space for concession sales.

1. Studio Four Design, Inc.

Studio Four Design, Inc. (Studio Four) has relevant design experience with Thompson Boling Arena and other UT Knoxville sports facilities. Their work on the Arena includes renovations of seating, concession areas, offices, locker rooms, and restrooms. Studio Four has also worked on Neyland Stadium Improvements, Pat Summitt Plaza, and the UTK Indoor Volleyball Practice Facility. Studio Four's consultants will be Ross Bryan Associates (Structural), I.C. Thomasson (Mechanical, Plumbing, Fire Protection), and Vreeland Engineers (Electrical). Studio Four is located in Knoxville.

2. Cope Associates, Inc.

Cope Associates, Inc. (Cope) has experience in working on UTK athletic facilities, including the Haslam Field Expansion that included a new mechanical room and renovations and additions to the north end of the athletic training facility. Additional UTK experience includes the Anderson Training Facility and Neyland-Thompson Sports Center Renovations. Cope's experience also includes electrical and mechanical upgrades to the TWRA Central Office in Nashville and elevator replacement at the Tennessee State University Hale Dorm. Cope's consultants will be Haines Structural Group (Structural), Engineering Services Group (MEP), Lauderdale Design Group (Interior), and Dennis Ford Food Service Consulting (Food Service). Cope is located in Knoxville.

3. MBI Companies Inc.

MBI Companies Inc. (MBI) has relevant design experience on higher education athletic facilities. The Lawson Center at UTC is a basketball athletic training facility that includes a training court, meeting rooms, coaches' offices, dressing rooms, lockers, and showers. Other projects of similar scope include Union College Athletic Facility Improvements, Chattanooga Christian School Athletic Training Facility, and a programming and conceptual design for a new Intramural Sports and Activities Building for TTU. MBI is a multi-discipline firm, and all consulting will be done in-house, except for consulting with The Sextant Group (Communications/Data). MBI is located in Knoxville.

A total of 3 firms submitted qualifications for this project.

