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**DESIGN SELECTION PANEL
MEETING SUMMARY, JANUARY 7, 2026, IN PERSON**

1. ATTENDEES:

The Designer Selection Board Meeting was called to order at 2:30PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Luciana Burdi	Massport
Michael Guilmet	Massport
Swikriti Khanal	Massport
Chester Myers	Massport
Jennifer Brittle	Massport
Nicholas Landry	Design Resource Team
Kristin Russell	Department of US Air Force
Jean McCluskey	Mission-Focused Alliance
Joseph Barra	Law Office of Joseph A. Barra

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Amy Blake-Baldwin	Massport
Alexandra Patterson	Commodore Builders

Present for the DSP staff, Luciana Burdi, Chief Infrastructure Officer and Alexandra Scarfo, Capital Programs Department Coordinator.

2. VISITORS:

Joseph DiOrio	Massport
Amanda Holmen	SAAM Architecture
Diana Nicklaus	SAAM Architecture
Caroline Fitzgerald	RMF Engineering
Lauren Martin	Symmes Maini & Mckee Associates, Inc.
Natasha Espada	Studio Enee
Abe Brahmaeham	Symmes Maini & Mckee Associates, Inc.
John Gonzalez	DHK Architects, Inc.
Richardo Austrich	BSC
Charles Rooney	Liro Hill Corp.
Erik Bednarek	VHB
Katherine O'Malley	HDR Architecture, P.C.
Eric Buffington	Kleinfelder Northeast, Inc.
Josiah Stevenson	Leers Weinzapfel Associates
Courtney Wilson	Leers Weinzapfel Associates
Nick Winton	Aw-Arch
John Regan	Massport

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. MPA Project No. M748 NEW MAINTENANCE BUILDING AND PLAYGROUND REHABILITATION

a. Scope of Work per RFQ

"The Authority is seeking qualified multidiscipline consulting firm or team, with proven experience to provide professional services including planning, design, and construction related services including planning, design, construction related services, including resident inspection, relative to the construction of a new maintenance facility based on a study that was previously completed, and the replacement of playground surfaces and equipment at the Piers Park 1 and Bremen street playgrounds in East Boston, MA. The Consultant must be able to work closely with the Authority and other interested parties in order to provide such services in a timely and effective manner."



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b. Review

The following five (10) submissions met the project requirements of the advertisement. They presented considerable skills and similar experience with this type of project for the New Maintenance Building and Playground Rehabilitation Contract.

AW-Arch
DHK Architects, Inc.
HDR Architecture, P.C.
Kleinfelder Northeast, Inc.
Leers Weinzapfel Associates
Liro-Hill Corp.
RGB Architects
SAAM Architecture
Symmes Maini & McKee Associates, Inc.
Studio Enee

c. Project Voting and Ranking

The Panel discussed the submissions addressing the following equally weighted criteria: "(1) *Demonstrated experience and knowledge of the team for similar projects of similar size and complexity particularly important to demonstrate for the proposed Project Manager. Highlight the experience and expertise for major subconsultants and their assigned staff. Familiarity with MGL, including filed sub-bid experience, and (2) Project understanding and proposed technical approach including QA/QC process during document preparation, cost management and scheduling capabilities, construction oversight, ability to plan and perform work with minimal disruption to operations, and (3) Demonstrated experience in integrating and managing BIM/VDC in the planning, design and construction. Experience of utilizing Lean Design & Construction (Last Planner System®, Scrum or others tools) to increase the reliability and significantly improve projects and teams' performance, and (4) Demonstrated project experience in sustainable and resilient high performance building and infrastructure design and construction, including experience with low, net zero ready or net zero emissions, water, and waste, lifecycle analysis including embodied carbon, innovative renewable energy strategies, and building and infrastructure sustainability certification schemes relevant to this proposal. Firms are encouraged to demonstrate "outside of the box" thinking for examples of inclusion of sustainable practices into its projects, and specify how those practices may be applied to this project proposal. Firms must demonstrate the capability to incorporate design features into any project type that reflect best practices in environmental stewardship, and (5) Proposed approach to enhance diversity and inclusion of the project team to increase the pool of consultants working on the Authority's projects. For those M/WBE firms proposed, please describe type and/or category of work (i.e. architecture, structural, Lean, etc.); include the specific roles to be played by M/WBE, and the extent to which such M/WBE involvement is anticipated as of date of the proposal submission.*" Panel members discussed each of the 10 firms submitting their qualifications. The Panel shortlisted the following firms:

Studio Enee
Liro-Hill Corp.
Leers Weinzapfel Associates

Immediately following, the shortlisted firms were ranked by the Panel in the following order:

Studio Enee (First Rank)
Liro-Hill Corp. (Second Rank)
Leers Weinzapfel Associates (Third Rank)

4. The Panel Adjourned at 3:30PM

Submitted by:

Designer Selection Panel Administrator