DEPARTMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

Designer Recommendation

Project: Volunteer Hall Fire Safety Upgrades
UT Knoxville
UT No. 999/009-106-2023

Category: Minor
Total Budget: $3,000,000
MACC: $2,630,000
Designer Fee: $218,337

Project Approved: October 26, 2023

Upgrades the fire alarm system in Volunteer Hall with a complete monitored system throughout the residence hall. Includes all related work to complete the project.

1. West, Welch, Reed Engineers, Inc.

   West Welch Reed's cited experience includes similar work for the Board of Regents as well as work on various buildings on the Knoxville campus. They have been a good service provider and their team is qualified, experienced, and have worked together previously. Their consultant will be Community Tectonics Architects, Inc. (Architectural). West Welch Reed Engineers, Inc. is located in Knoxville, TN.

2. Engineering Services Group, Inc. (ESG)

   ESG's project experience shows their extensive experience in this type of work for various state agencies as well as numerous projects performed on the Knoxville campus. They have a good working relationship with UT. Their personnel are knowledgeable and have experience in working with campus personnel. Their consultant is Cope Associates, Inc. (Architecture). Engineering Services Group, Inc. is located in Knoxville, TN.

3. I.C. Thomasson Associates, Inc.

   I.C. Thomasson has project experience which highlights their work on fire alarm systems for the University and other state and local municipalities. Firm personnel are qualified and knowledgeable. Their consultant is Engineering & Testing Solutions, LLC (Geotechnical). I.C. Thomasson Associates, Inc. is located in Knoxville, TN.

There were no other firms submitting on this project.