



September 23, 2020

**TO:** THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF VALENCIA COLLEGE

**FROM:** SANFORD C. SHUGART  
President

**RE:** AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR CENTER FOR ACCELERATED  
TRAINING, EAST CAMPUS, RFQ 2021-04

On July 7, 2020, the College issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) 2021-04 for Architectural Services for the Center for Accelerated Training at East Campus. The Center will provide intensive, hands-on training designed to help students enter new career fields or advance current skill sets.

On July 28, 2020 the following thirteen (13) firms submitted statements of qualifications:

1. Baker Barrios Architects, Inc.
2. BRPH
3. C.T. Hsu + Associates, P.A.
4. DLR Group
5. Harvard Jolly, Inc.
6. Huitt – Zollars
7. HuntonBrady Architects
8. KMA Design Group, LLC
9. Little Diversified Architectural Consulting, Inc.
10. Nelco Architecture, Inc.
11. Rhodes+Brito Architects
12. Schenkel & Shultz, Inc.
13. The Lunz Group, Inc.

A public evaluation committee meeting held on August 11, 2020, reviewed each firms' experience and qualifications based on the evaluation criteria: business structure, design experience with higher education projects, designing environments with industrial trades, team members and responsibilities, and experience with solar panels and sustainable design. The shortlisted respondents deemed to be the most responsive and responsible were invited for interviews and presentations. Three (3) were selected for the shortlist as follows: DLR Group, HuntonBrady Architects, and Schenkel & Shultz, Inc.

On August 19, 2020, following presentations and interviews, the final public evaluation meeting was conducted and the firms were evaluated and ranked based on the evaluation criteria: interaction/connection with Valencia team, demonstrated understanding of the project and design methods, challenges/solutions, and reference performance. The final ranking was as follows:

- (1) DLR Group
- (2) Schenkel & Shultz, Inc.
- (3) HuntonBrady Architects

RECOMMENDATION:

The President recommends that the District Board of Trustees of Valencia College award the Contract for Architectural Services for the East Campus Center for Accelerated Training to the firm of DLR Group. Should the College not be able to negotiate a mutually agreeable contract with DLR, negotiations with DLR will cease and negotiations will commence with the second ranked firm and so on until a fair, competitive and reasonable agreement is reached.

  
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President