

February 16, 2026

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Jim Murdaugh, Ph.D.
President

FROM: Barbara Wills, Ph.D.
Vice President for Administrative Services and Chief Business Officer

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Architectural Services

Item Description

This item requests District Board of Trustees approval of the recommended architect in response to the College's Request for Qualifications.

Overview and Background

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ 2026-01) for Architectural Services for the new Gadsden Service Center (Site 2) was released to the public on November 18, 2025, via the TSC Purchasing Website and the State of Florida Vendor Bid System. As a result of this RFQ, the College received complete and acceptable submittals from five firms on January 8, 2026.

In a two-part evaluation process, these five proposals were reviewed based on the College's pre-determined criteria, including the proposer's experience, prior projects, fee structure, and quality control methods. Finalists were selected for in-person presentations and Q&A sessions with College representatives.

Funding/ Financial Implications

This project will be funded by State appropriations and local TSC funds.

Past Actions by the Board

There have been no past actions by the board for this proposed project.

Recommended Action

Approve the recommendation to award this project to DAG Architects as presented.

AWARD NOTICE

This *RFQ 2026-01 Architectural Services for TSC Site 2 Gadsden Service Center New Building No. 04* was released to the public on November 18, 2025, via the TSC Purchasing Website and MyFloridaMarketPlace. The College received complete and acceptable submittals from the below five firms on January 8, 2026, as a result of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

- *BKJ, Inc*
- *Conn Architects*
- *DAG Architect*
- *Fitzgerald Collaborative*
- *Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC*

Based on the evaluation criteria outlined in the RFQ, the submittals were evaluated by a committee in two parts. Part One consisted of an initial review of submittals and scoring based on the evaluation criteria as outlined in the RFP and the responses submitted. Factors that were considered during the initial review included:

- Letter of Understanding/ Executive Summary
- Corporate License and Registration Information
- Location
- Adequacy of Management, Administration and Project Personnel
- Current and Projected Workload
- Experience with Similar Projects and Quality Control
- Fee Structure and Statement of Surety/Insurance Compliance
- Innovative Approaches
- Prior TSC Architectural Services
- References

Part Two of the evaluation process included an invitation to *BKJ Inc, DAG Architects* and *Fitzgerald Collaborative*, who met the minimum criteria for an in-person presentation and Q&A session. The Committee heard presentations from the firms carefully considering such factors as:

- Presentation Quality and Clarity
- Project Understanding
- Response to Questions
- Final Appeal and Persuasiveness
- Overall best interests to the College for this specific project

Based upon the qualifications submitted and the results of evaluation process
DAG Architects, is recommended for the award.