

CAPITAL BUDGET OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

State House, Room 100
Concord, New Hampshire
Wednesday, June 27, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Gene Chandler (Chair)
Rep. Ken Weyler
Rep. Bill Belvin
Rep. Will Smith
Rep. Walter Kolodziej
Sen. James Rausch
Sen. David Boutin
Sen. Sylvia Larsen

(Convened at 9:46 a.m.)

(1) New Business:

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Okay. We'll open the meeting of the Capital Budget Overview Committee. And we have a request to alter our approval of a request of a couple weeks ago or whenever it was. So I will recognize Mr. Connor.

MICHAEL CONNOR, Director, Plant & Property Division, Department of Administrative Services: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee, for the record, my name is Mike Connor, and I work for the Department of Administrative Services where I serve as Director of Plant and Property. I'd like to thank you for all meeting with me today on this busy day.

A couple weeks ago on June 14th, I requested and obtained approval from this Committee to use a design build method to construct two 40 by 60 metal buildings to be utilized by New Hampshire Army Guard as a training facility at Center Strafford at an estimated cost of one million

three twenty-eight. Unbeknownst to me between the time I put my request together and our meeting on June 14th, the Army National Guard had obtained some additional funding. In working with my staff, they issued a change order to the bid that increased the size of the facilities from two 40 by 60s to 60 by 80 size facilities. The bid came in on July 13th and the total revised amount is \$1,568,785. I believe you have the detail in your packets.

As a result, I'm here today to seek your approval in accordance with RSA 21-I:80 to utilize the low bid design build method to construct two new 60 by 80 metal buildings that will be utilized by the New Hampshire Army National Guard for Engagement Skill Training. The buildings will be located at their site in Center Strafford. We still have very tight time lines to confine that we need to be encumbered by September 30 in order to encumber those in time and go through the Governor and Council process. I'm seeking your approval to use the low bid design build method instead of conventional design build method to construct the two buildings. The total cost, again, 1,568,785 subject to the availability of Federal funds. I'd be glad to answer any questions you may have.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Any questions? Yes, Representative Belvin.

REP. BELVIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Connor, this is a larger footprint.

MR. CONNOR: It is.

REP. BELVIN: And does that larger footprint in any way change other changes that might occur, whether they be of utilities, sewage, water, et cetera, that causes secondary effects because of the increased size of these facilities?

MR. CONNOR: Our folks have looked at it and they have actually redrawn on their drawing another sketch of the two new proposed buildings in location so it will fit nicely

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into the footprint of the building.

REP. BELVIN: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Representative Weyler.

REP. WEYLER: I'm delighted to see that the per square foot cost has come down considerably by making the buildings larger. I'm curious as to why there wouldn't just be a can design that the Army or the Guard has built these buildings many times to just hand you the plan without having to do design build or any other things?

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LARRY REA, New Hampshire Army National Guard: I can answer that. Yes, sir, it really is a can design.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Just identify yourself, please.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL RAE: I'm sorry. My name is Lieutenant Colonel Larry Rae. I'm the design construction branch chief for New Hampshire Guard. And these EST buildings are pretty much fall under what's called the Uniform Facilities Criteria. They are a standard building. They're not much different across the country whether you're going for a large post or a local Guard facility. Footprint issues is information that would come to the Guard from Guard Bureau that says this is what we are building today. That would come from feedback; but essentially they are standard buildings. We can show you this is not unique to anywhere across the country.

REP. WEYLER: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Senator Boutin.

** SEN. BOUTIN: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move the Amendment.

SEN. RAUSCH: Second.

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CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Well, just it's a new proposal. So the adoption.

SEN. BOUTIN: Adoption of the new proposal.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Senator Boutin moves we approve the item, seconded by Senator Rausch. Anymore questions or discussions? If not, all those in favor? Opposed no? Okay.

MR. CONNOR: Thank you very much.

*** {MOTION ADOPTED}

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: I forgot, what's the gentleman's name that I met because I was hoping he'd be here today, he keeps finding all this money?

MAJOR GENERAL REDDEL: That would be Lieutenant Colonel Mikolaities.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Yes, right. I didn't know, could we get him on loan a little bit once in awhile?

MAJOR GENERAL WILLIAM REDDEL, Adjutant General, Office of Adjutant General: It'll cost you, sir.

MR. CONNOR: He's doing a good job.

CHAIRMAN CHANDLER: Yeah. Okay. Thank you, everyone.

(The meeting concluded at 9:50 a.m.)

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