14.0058 Certification and Competitive Selection and Negotiation of Professionals

(1) For any services required which have been publicly announced as provided in Regulation 14.0047, including, but not limited to, professional services, continuing contracts, construction management services or design-build, the president/university board of trustees or designee shall appoint a selection committee to make recommendations. Those appointed by the president shall serve throughout the selection process.

The Committee shall consist of at least three members, the majority of which must have demonstrable experience in the selection of professional architectural or engineering services firms or education in construction, engineering, architecture, or other related discipline, and shall be comprised of the following:

(a) At least one facilities' professional from the University Facilities Office or physical plant office;

(b) One the second required facilities professional who is not required to be a current University Facilities Office or physical plant employee.

Additional members, based on the special needs of the project, may be prescribed by the university board of trustees or designee.

(2) Prior to each selection, the university board of trustees or designee shall determine the eligibility under Florida law of each firm to perform the services required. Each firm determined to be eligible to provide the services will be so certified by the University and shall be qualified for consideration as provided in this Chapter.

(3) The selection committee shall evaluate professional qualifications statements by all eligible professional firms applying pursuant to the procurement parameters prescribed by the board of trustees. Such parameters may include, but are not limited to, the experience and qualifications of the firms' professional personnel; price, cost or fees; approach to the project; past performance; ability to meet time and budget requirements; location; and recent, current and projected workloads of the firms. The Committee shall conduct discussions with, and may require public presentation by, no fewer than three firms, where possible, regarding their qualifications, approach to the project, and ability to furnish the required services. For projects having three or fewer applicants, the Committee shall conduct discussions with each applicant firm. The Committee shall rank the firms in the order of those most highly qualified to perform the required service, and where possible, shall recommend to the president for approval no less than three firms in the Committee's order of ranking. The university shall notify all interviewed firms of the approved selection.

(4) The selection committee proceedings must be open to the public.

(54) After recommendation by the selection committee and approval by the
the president shall negotiate a contract. Should the university be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with any of the selected firms, additional firms may be selected, all proposals may be rejected, or a new selection process may be initiated at the university’s discretion and in accordance with the competitive procurement process prescribed by the board of trustees.

(6) The notice and protest procedures set forth in Board of Governors Regulation 18.002 shall be applicable to all competitive solicitations relating to the procurement of goods and services for the construction of university capital improvement projects.