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Subject  
Design Contract for the ML Renovation Project

Date  
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**Background**

The Morris Lawrence Building was built in 1990 as the Jobs Skills and Campus Events Building and during the past 27 years has received three small building additions and numerous minor deferred maintenance upgrades. As the primary location for external campus events, it welcomes over 150,000 visitors and guests each year. The building is the public face of the College and is the primary destination of campus visitors not enrolled in college credit courses.

The primary purpose of this project is to provide the first major upgrades to the building's public spaces since the building was built and enhance the overall experience of visitors and guests. This will be accomplished by:

1. Replacing the deteriorating plastic skylight system and replacing it with a new glass and metal panel skylight.
2. Replacing the manual horizontal moveable wall system with an electric vertical Skyfold wall system.
3. Replace the lighting throughout the public areas.
4. Replace all finishes throughout the public areas including wall and flooring materials.
5. Install new electronic event directories and kiosks at meeting rooms.
6. Replace failing exterior brick and precast concrete at the entrances.
7. Create a new inviting exterior landscape garden at the west entrance.
8. Address a number of deferred maintenance projects related to the building infrastructure

The first step in planning this project is to perform a detailed assessment of the building elements, create a work plan that supports completing the work within a narrow full building shutdown period of January – June, 2021 and finally to develop a cost estimate for the project. We anticipate this design work being completed by early fall and to propose a full project scope to the Board of Trustees in late 2019.

The college received thirteen proposals and Hobbs & Black of Ann Arbor, MI is the recommended vendor for this project totaling \$380,000. Hobbs & Black was one of the lowest bidders and has detailed knowledge of the ML building through prior engagements.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is the recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve a construction contract with Hobbs & Black in the amount not to exceed of \$380,000.

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**A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN**

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