

GREAT FALLS INDOOR AQUATIC & RECREATION CENTER

Award of RFP proposal and direct staff to negotiate contract under the City's purchasing policy for design, permitting and construction management



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Great Falls Indoor Aquatic & Recreation Center Background of the Project



Background of the Project

- April 15 – Commission is asked to allow staff to move forward with a feasibility study
- May 15 – City manager revisits the April 15th feasibility request and adds the possibility of DCIP grant to the May 19th meeting agenda
- City receives 3 proposals from Nelson Architects, Cushing Terrell and LPW/TD&H for the DCIP proposal work per MCA guidelines
- June 16 – Work session presentation on DCIP proposal application

Great Falls Indoor Aquatic & Recreation Center Application & Award of the DCIP Proposal and Grant



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Application & Award of the DCIP Proposal and Grant

- June 26 – DCIP Proposal Application was submitted
- August 11 – Received notification of being shortlisted
- City Staff works with OEA rep to complete the formal grant application
- August 26 – Formal DCIP Grant application was submitted
- September 15 – Received notice grant was approved and awaiting paperwork finalization
- September 18 – Grant is officially awarded pending signatures
- September 21 – City manager signs and submits award

Aim High/Big Sky Recreation Center
Great Falls, Montana
Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP)
Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA)
Department of Defense

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B. Installation Need
The City of Great Falls, MT (CGF) is excited to submit a grant request to support a new Indoor Aquatics & Recreational Facility the "Aim High/Big Sky Recreation Center" which falls in the Year 1 - Enhance Military Family Quality of Life category of the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP).



Multinational Air Force Base including 54th Missile Wing, 40th Helicopter Squadron, the Montana Air National Guard (MTANG) 120th Airlift Wing and the community of Great Falls, MT all have a significant need for this new aquatics and recreation facility. The military installation need for the Aim High/Big Sky Recreation Center will satisfy quality of life and operational needs.

The Aim High/Big Sky Recreation Center is a shared vision of residents, elected officials, Airmen and their families, and installation commanders. In addition to safety log training regimen, the facility will enhance military quality of life by providing additional recreational activities for all Airmen and their families. Further, the Aim High/Big Sky Recreation Center would provide easier ability for Airmen and their families who live on and off base to integrate into the Great Falls community.

The 40th Helicopter Squadron (MAFB) and the 120th Airlift Wing (MTANG) both require water rescue/survival training to maintain flying mission qualifications. MAFB, a northern tier base location (and the only one without an indoor pool), is challenged by short seasons and long winter making water training opportunities limited for military flight crews and requires aircrew personnel to have to go TDY at a cost of \$32,000 annually. Montana's short summer seasons (approximately 9 weeks) affects Airmen and their families' limited opportunities to utilize MAFB's single outdoor pool, which regularly impacts from the military family quality of life. Additionally, the City closed its only indoor pool facility due to structural failure in December, 2018, leaving the community with no public indoor pool facility.

An indoor pool adjacent to the installation would benefit 4,500 Airmen and their families with year-round recreational, fitness, and important training opportunities. This equates to the potential of 100% of the base population (active-duty members and their families) benefiting from this opportunity.

The construction of an indoor pool has long been an installation priority, and was part of a previously designed Fitness Center MILCON (2005) project. However, the pool was not constructed due to funding limitations. The Air Force continues project limited construction funding, further decreasing the likelihood of this need being met in future years. Additionally, recent natural disasters have shifted priority MILCON funding to other installations, which has further limited the availability of funds.

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Great Falls Indoor Aquatic & Recreation Center RFP Process & Selection Committee



RFP Process and Selection Committee

- August 26 – RFP was posted on City website
- September 6 – RFP was advertised in Tribune
- September 21 – RFP Deadline
- September 22 – RFP Selection Committee met to discuss selection criteria
- October 4 – Committee met to discuss individual scoring and ranking of the proposals
- October 7&8 – Committee conducted interviews
- October 9 – Committee met to calculate scores of interviews and to finalize recommendation to Commission

RFP Process and Selection Committee

- 10 proposals were submitted
- Various ideas and elements for the project were presented
- Nine of the ten proposals were qualified for the purpose of our RFP
- Top 3 teams were interviewed
- Programming, revenue, sustainability, and soils were primary focus areas used when analyzing the proposals

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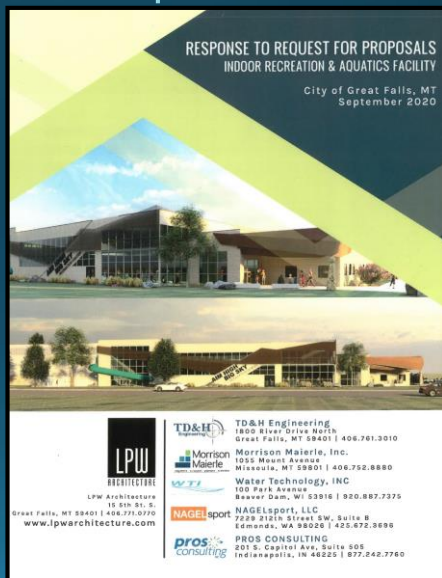
Great Falls Indoor Aquatic & Recreation Center Recommended Proposal



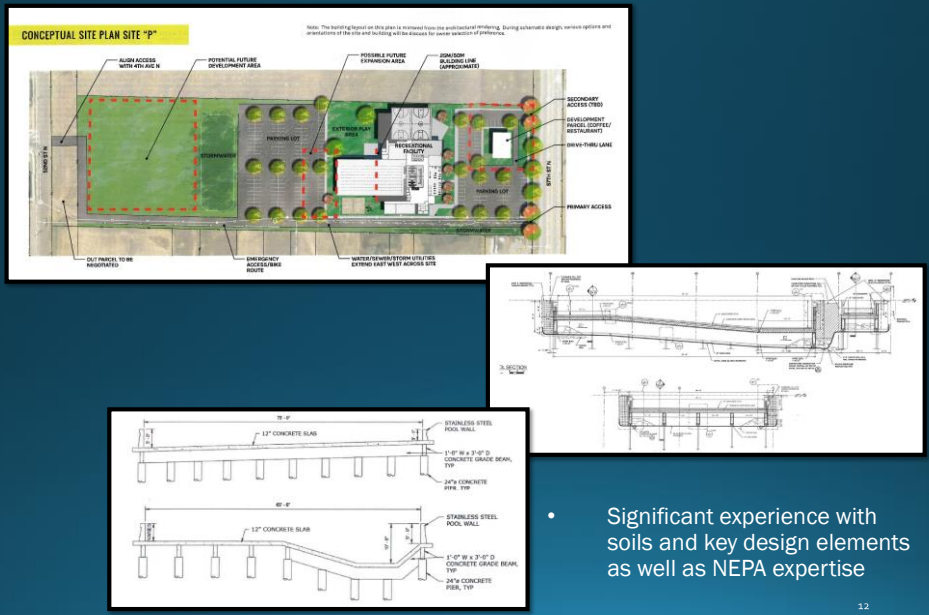
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Recommended Proposal

- LPW/TD&H received top score for both the written proposal and interview
- Overall vision for all ages
- MAFB as a key partner
- Being local, the team will have knowledge of the community dynamics and invested as community members as well



Recommended Proposal



- Significant experience with soils and key design elements as well as NEPA expertise

Recommended Proposal

- Strong acknowledgement of overall budget and commitment to focus on cost control

Summary of Steps Upon Award



- Staff will negotiate contract under the City's purchasing policy for design, permitting and construction management
- Finalization of the land swap between the school district and the City
- Staff will begin Annexation and zoning process
- Staff will begin to work with LPW/TD&H on schematic design