SELECTION OF ARCHITECT

It is a policy of the State Board of Education that a registered architect must be employed to design the plans of the proposed building to make the project eligible for state building aid. According to statute (RSA 310), a person must be a registered architect in order to practice in New Hampshire. The architect contributes to the building program as follows:

1. Advice and assistance in the selection of a site.
2. Assistance in determining the physical requirements of the project and developing preliminary budgets.
3. Preparation of preliminary sketches and studies incorporating educational specifications.
4. After thorough review, preparation of detailed drawings, plans, specifications, and contracts for the project.
5. Assistance in obtaining approval by the State Department of Education for building aid.
6. Preparation of necessary forms and information to advertise the project for bid, assistance in bid opening, advice to the committee on awarding the contract.
7. Supervision and administration of the construction phase of the project.
8. Certification of payments to the contractor, advice as to final acceptance of the building.
9. Authoritative, professional presentation of the building program to the public, especially with regard to costs and details of construction.

In selecting architects the following criteria will be considered:

1. Training and experience, including that of partners and associates, either with the Salem School District or elsewhere.
2. Planning ability and promptness.
4. Design, appearance, and utility.
5. Inspection of job effectiveness.
6. Relation with contractors.
7. Experience with government agencies.