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AWARD CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE WILLAMETTE
BLOCK PROJECT TO SERA ARCHITECTS.

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REPORT: On November 4, 2008, the voters approved the College's \$374 million dollar bond measure to expand, upgrade, and update College facilities. In order to implement the bond program, the College utilized SERA Architects to review and evaluate the Bond Project.

A contract for architectural and engineering services is a "personal services contract" within the meaning of College Contract Rule ("CCR").250(1). ORS 279C.115 allows a local contracting agency to enter into an architectural and engineering services contract directly with a consultant if the project described in the contract consists of work that has been substantially described, planned or otherwise previously studied.

Time is of the essence for this project to avoid a double move of the Financial Services Department, which is scheduled to move out of the Capital Center by December 31, 2009. A double move would cost the college between \$300,000 and \$600,000. In addition, given SERA's unique knowledge with historic buildings and their experience with the College's 2008 Bond program and the Willamette Block facilities, it is in the College's best interest for the College to proceed with the architectural and engineering services offered by SERA for the Willamette Block project.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Portland Community College Board, acting as the Local Contract Review Board, award a contract to