To: Board of Trustees

From: Superintendent/President

Subject: Tree Program Project (305C)

Reason for Board Consideration:

Action – Award

None

BACKGROUND

On March 17, 2009 the Board of Trustees approved the project and authorized bidding for the SMCP Project following final approval by the Division of the State Architect (DSA). This approval process has been delayed due to unavoidable circumstances. In order to stay as close to the construction schedule as possible, it has been determined that the Tree Program work associated with the SMCP Building project can be extracted from the building construction bid package and be done in advance. This should help in lowering the overall cost of this work by bidding it out separately; therefore eliminating any mark up by the General Contractor that will be constructing the SMCP Building. This decision will also assist in keeping the project on schedule.

Three (3) bids were received on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Bid results are as follows:

- Treemasters Tree and Garden Care: $11,820
- Kingsborough Atlas Tree Surgery, Inc.: $12,913
- Mighty Tree Movers, Inc.: $18,000

The Board of Trustees is asked to authorize award of a construction contract to the low responsive bidder following the five (5) business day bid protest period. The five (5) business day bid protest period will end on Tuesday, January 26, 2010. The construction contract will be brought back to the board for ratification at the next scheduled board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

The final construction cost estimate for this contract is $28,000. The contract will be paid from bond funds.

RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent/President recommends that the Board authorize award of a construction contract to the low responsive bidder following the five (5) business day protest period.