Adroit named contractor for RCC/SOU educational center in Medford

MEDFORD – Rogue Community College (RCC) and Southern Oregon University (SOU) have awarded Adroit Construction Company, Inc. of Ashland the contract to build the new education facility in downtown Medford. The RCC Board of Education approved a resolution on April 18 and SOU signed a letter of intent naming Adroit as the contractor for the estimated 75,000-square-foot building. Construction is scheduled to begin in late fall or early winter of 2006. SERA Architects Inc., of Portland was chosen earlier to provide design services.

“The decision to award Adroit the contract was based on their proposal, references, and interview,” said Pat Huebsch, RCC associate dean of College Services. "Adroit is a well-respected construction firm in our region and was recently honored as one of Oregon's top 100 businesses.”

Adroit’s proposal was based on an estimated $15.6 million in construction costs and a 15-month construction period. Adroit’s proposed fees are 3.25 percent of construction costs plus $747,700 in general conditions costs. Total cost for the project is estimated at $22.2 million.

“The company has done high quality work for SOU over many years, and recently completed our new Madrone residence hall complex on the Ashland Campus,” said SOU President Elisabeth Zinser. “The selection of Adroit bodes well for a first-rate facility in downtown Medford. It was a pleasure to approve this contract which is one of many important decisions that SOU and RCC have been making together on behalf of our partnership for education in our region.”

Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon University will share the new building located in the block bounded by East Eighth, Ninth, and South Bartlett streets and South Riverside Avenue. The building will facilitate dual enrollment for RCC and SOU students and encourage transfer from the community college to the university. Sharing the facility will allow both institutions to optimize service to the business community and provide a mutual location for workforce training, internships, and research.

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