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MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM Planning and Design Project MONTHLY REPORT - NARRATIVE

September 2015

1. We interviewed all four firms which applied for the OPM position. The following criteria were deemed as important by the Hiring Committee/Board of Trustees:
 - Prior Experience in working with the MBLC and displayed understanding of the state grant process
 - History of involvement in public library construction projects
 - Experience with Historic Preservation
 - Experience in working with municipal government
 - Proven examples of thorough accounting and reporting processes
 - Ability to dedicate ample time and attention to the project
 - OPM projects as a primary function of the corporation
 - Ability to work within the budget identified in the RFQ
 - Ability to meet the timeline outlined in the RFQ

As a result of the interviews, the Hiring Committee recommended to the Board that Collier's International (formerly SBS) be hired to serve as OPM.

2. The Amherst Historical Society (AHS) continued to research whether or not they can legally sell a portion of their property to The Jones Library, Inc.
3. We updated the Planning and Design timeline (again).
4. We prepared our "Listening Tour" case statement and related documentation, as part of the Library's upcoming Capital Campaign.

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