



Request for Qualifications – Architects

ACADEMIC RENOVATION AT THE AGRICULTURAL, FOOD, AND LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING

The University of Arkansas Fayetteville, in accordance with the policies of the Board of Trustees, is soliciting responses from qualified architects for the *academic renovation at the Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences Building*.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences Building, originally known as the Animal Science Building, was originally built to house animal science classes, offices, and laboratories, many of which have been relocated away from central campus over the years. This project will renovate the old creamery—which has been abandoned for some time—into new academic space. An initial programming study identified two possible schemes for the renovation, both of which include classrooms, wet labs, office space, toilet rooms, storage, and mechanical rooms. A second floor will be inserted into the existing double-height space to achieve a total project size of about 10,000 square feet. The total project cost is estimated at \$2.6 million, and occupancy is slated for August 2014. The project will follow university standards for sustainable design and construction practices, and will be fully commissioned and constructed to the equivalent of LEED Silver or Green Globes Two Globes.

Architects and consultants will work with a university building committee, an independent third-party commissioning agent, and Facilities Management to advance overall site and campus master planning principles, as well as sustainability initiatives. For general campus planning and standards information, visit <http://planning.uark.edu>.

SUBMISSION

The deadline for responses is 1:00 PM CDT on Monday, July 22, 2013.

All respondents will be notified of the results by EMAIL, so please provide accurate contact information.

Address ten (10) copies of responses to:

Jill Anthes, campus planner
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 Facilities Management Planning Group
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Statements of Qualification will be reviewed by a selection committee using a standardized *Design Services Shortlist Evaluation* form. This form is available for download at <http://planning.uark.edu/rfq>.

Written responses should include:

1. Proof of licensure or eligibility:

Architects: All firms shall be licensed, or eligible for licensure, in the State of Arkansas. Eligible firms not currently licensed must send a letter to the Arkansas State Board of Architects (501-682-3171/501-682-3172 fax) stating their intent to respond to an RFQ issued by the University of Arkansas. Please include project name, submittal date, and proof of valid NCARB certification in the letter. Consulting and joint venture firms are also required to be licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Architects. Notification to the State Board must be made PRIOR to responding to this solicitation, and **A COPY OF EITHER A VALID ARKANSAS LICENSE OR THE QUALIFYING LETTER FOR ALL TEAM MEMBER FIRMS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH ALL SUBMITTALS.** The final selected firm(s) will have 30 days to make application for corporate licensure after they are awarded the contract.

2. Proof of current professional liability insurance coverage (\$1,000,000 minimum required)
3. Specific project experience (within the past five years) with university classroom and laboratory space
4. Current office size, personnel description, and workload
5. Organizational chart for design team and all consultants
6. Prior experience constructing projects under LEED and/or Green Globes ratings systems
7. Prior experience with fully commissioned projects
8. Projects currently under contract with state agencies or educational facilities
9. Statement of diversity in the workforce, if applicable
10. Certificate of women-owned or minority-owned business, if applicable

Professional Services Required:

PROGRAMMING, COST ESTIMATING, SCHEMATIC DESIGN, GRAPHIC PRESENTATION, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS, BIDDING, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION, AND PROJECT CLOSEOUT.

LOCATION

The renovation is located on the lower floor of the central wing of the Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences Building.

