



## **Request for Qualifications – Landscape Architects PLAYING FIELDS FOR UNIVERSITY RECREATION**

The University of Arkansas Fayetteville, in accordance with the policies of the Board of Trustees, is soliciting responses from qualified landscape architects for *playing fields for University Recreation*.

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The new University Recreation playing fields will supplement existing multi-purpose fields in Athletic Valley, which are currently used for intramural sports and over ten club sports teams. After a decade of sustained growth, in which the student population has expanded by nearly 65 percent, the existing fields meet only a fraction of current demand. As the university approaches 28,000 students, the lack of facilities for student recreation becomes even more critical. This project will accommodate the planned student population and put the University of Arkansas on par with its peer institutions.

The project includes three separate locations (see map), totaling 107 acres, near campus. Two smaller sites—one south of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard on Indian Trail (nine acres) and one on Mount Comfort Road (25 acres)—will accommodate three club sports fields and up to twelve tennis courts. Some dedicated parking will be built to serve the playing fields at each site, and transit service will run from the central campus. In addition, access to the NWA Trails and Bikeways system is within close proximity to each of the three locations.

The largest site, at Cato Springs and Razorback Roads (72.5 acres), will accommodate most of the program, including six flag football/soccer fields, four softball fields, three basketball courts, four volleyball courts, a maintenance barn, and restrooms. Up to six additional flag football/soccer fields may be added east of the railroad tracks. Careful grading of the sloping site and views to campus and the surrounding areas from the wooded hilltop will be important design considerations. The landscape design, site grading, etc. should evoke a park-like experience. Furthermore, the site is at a key entrance to Fayetteville from the south, and the design should contribute to the beauty of the Boston Mountain landscape.

The total project cost is currently estimated at \$20 million. Construction will be phased over time, the duration of which is expected to run from October 2016 through July 2019. The selected designers will work with a university building committee, a general contractor/construction manager, 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 local time on Wednesday, September 9, 2015.**

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  
University of Arkansas  
Facilities Management Planning and Design  
521 S. Razorback Road, FAMA C-100  
Fayetteville, AR 72701

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:

*Landscape Architects:* All firms shall be licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers. **A COPY A VALID ARKANSAS LICENSE MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE SUBMITTAL.**

*Civil Engineers:* All engineers shall hold individual licenses in the State of Arkansas, and all engineering firms shall hold a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) issued by the Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors. Joint venture firms are also required to hold a COA. **A COPY OF A VALID ARKANSAS CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE SUBMITTAL.**

*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. Organizational chart for design team and all consultants

The design team should include consultants capable of working at a variety of scales—from integrating the sites into the broader regional landscape to detailing the individual playing fields to designing attractive small structures.

3. Specific project experience (within the past five years)

Landscape architecture, civil engineering, and architecture of outdoor recreation venues, particularly at colleges and universities, including examples of skillful large site grading, sports fields, planting design, environmental graphics, etc.

4. Current office size, personnel description, and workload
5. Proof of current professional liability insurance coverage (\$1,000,000 minimum required)
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:

FULL SERVICE PARKS AND RECREATION DESIGN, INCLUDING PROGRAMMING, FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENTS, ENVIRONMENTAL GRAPHICS, COST ESTIMATING, SCHEMATIC DESIGN, GRAPHIC PRESENTATION, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS, BIDDING, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION, AND PROJECT CLOSEOUT.

## LOCATIONS

The project includes three separate locations, totaling 106.64 acres.

