



Request for Qualifications – Architects DELTA GAMMA

The University of Arkansas Fayetteville, in accordance with the policies of the Board of Trustees, is soliciting responses from qualified architects for a new house for *Delta Gamma*.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Delta Gamma re-established the Alpha Omega chapter (originally established in 1930) at the University of Arkansas in 2016, and will be building a new permanent home on Maple Street, adjacent to the Historic Core of campus. The house is projected to include 85 beds, shared bathrooms, commercial kitchen, dining room, library, study spaces, chapter room with seating for 400, common spaces, guest accommodations, and a house manager suite, etc. The size may range from 32,000 to 36,000 square feet, but the final program will be developed during the design process. The total project cost is currently estimated from \$11.5 to 12.5 million. The estimated design and construction timeline is 30 months, and the estimated project cost anticipates construction will begin November 2017.

The design of the building must establish a significant and welcoming presence for Delta Gamma among the other Greek houses lining Maple Street. The house will extend Sorority Row to the east edge of campus, and the site layout, building alignment and massing, etc. will be evaluated during initial planning in concert with the university's master plan to ensure that the building creates a memorable entrance statement for visitors entering campus from the east. Many of the existing houses along the row are fine examples of well-proportioned and correctly-detailed Classical architecture, and for the design to be successful it must continue this campus tradition in a purposeful way. Demonstrated experience with designing new buildings using traditional masonry detail, the correct use of the Classical orders, and traditional interior millwork, etc. is essential.

Architects and consultants 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. The proposed renovation and expansion will be fully commissioned and constructed to the equivalent of LEED Silver or Green Globes Two Globes. For general campus planning and standards information, visit <http://planning.uark.edu>.

SUBMISSION

The deadline for responses is 1:00 PM local time on Thursday, September 8, 2016.

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

Address ten (10) copies of responses to: Todd Furgason, Senior Campus Planner
University of Arkansas
Facilities Management Planning and Design
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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.

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.**

2. Organizational chart for design team and all consultants

3. **Specific project experience** (within the past five years) with residential buildings of a similar scale and program
4. **Specific project experience** (within the past five years) with new buildings using Classical architectural languages and associated details, materials, and construction techniques
5. Current office size, personnel description, and workload
6. Proof of current professional liability insurance coverage (\$1,000,000 minimum required)
7. Prior experience constructing projects under nationally-recognized sustainable rating systems
8. Prior experience with fully commissioned projects
9. Projects currently under contract with state agencies or educational facilities
10. Statement of diversity in the workforce, if applicable
11. Certificate of women-owned or minority-owned business, if applicable

Professional Services Required:

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

LOCATION

The project is located on Sorority Row on Maple Street, between Arkansas Avenue and Gregg Avenue.

