

Request for Qualifications Information for Architects and Engineers

Washington Community College wishes to procure architectural/engineering services for the Riverview Hall Administration building in Calais, Maine. The purpose of this project is to renovate the College's current library space into a Teaching and Learning center that will encompass computer laboratories, teaching, and office spaces and the interior renovation of existing classroom space in the 400-wing of the building.

The scope of services will include, but not be limited to, field verification and documentation of existing conditions, design development, contract documents, bidding, and construction administration.

Interested firms should submit *one paper copy* and *one electronic copy* of a Letter of Interest with a Statement of Qualifications which includes the firm's:

- A. qualifications to undertake this project;
- B. documented experience with budgets, estimating, and project cost control;
- C. list of projects that demonstrate the firm's capabilities;
- D. list of recently completed work of similar type and size projects, with client contact information for each project;
- E. profiles of key personnel who would be involved in the project;
- F. statement of current workload and ability to absorb the project; and
- G. list of business references other than those listed above, including contact information.

The *paper copy* of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent to Desiree Thompson, Dean of Finance, 1 College Drive, Calais, Maine 04619 so as to be received not later than 2:00 PM on **April 24, 2019**. The *electronic copy* of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent as an attachment to an email addressed to dthompson@wccc.me.edu so as to meet the deadline noted above.

Firms responding will be screened and interviewed on the basis of qualifications only. Project fees and specific design solutions for this project will not be discussed at the interview. Specific program information will not be available before the screening of qualification packages. The selection committee will rank all firms and negotiate fees with the highest ranked firm.

Architect-Engineer Procurement Process

The standard procurement process of Architect and Engineer design services for public improvements is a Qualification Based Selection (QBS) process per statute (Title 5, §1742 subsection 6), described briefly here.

1. The advertisement of this Request for Qualifications is the initial step in the process after the Agency assures that the project itself is approved and funded. A clear scope of services statement is an essential component of the advertisement.
2. Interested firms respond to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as described below, submitting the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications to the Selection Committee.
3. The Selection Committee screens all submissions and invites the most qualified firms to interview for the project, typically three to five firms.
4. The Selection Committee interviews the firms. Second interviews may be scheduled. References are checked.
5. The Selection Committee ranks all of the interviewed firms. The Committee negotiates an agreement with the highest ranked firm based on the scope of professional services identified in the RFQ and interview.
6. A BREM Architect/Engineer Agreement is drafted.
7. The agreement must be approved before work commences.

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