

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Florida Department of Revenue has declined to rule on the petition for declaratory statement filed by Jesse Toca on September 16, 2010. The following is a summary of the agency’s declination of the petition:

The Department declines to issue a declaratory statement for a number of reasons: Petitioner fails to request a statement which addresses petitioner’s particular set of circumstances; Petitioner’s requested statement would require the agency to provide interpretation of a rule applicable to an entire class of persons; and Petitioner’s request asks the Department to inappropriately address issues currently pending in other administrative proceedings.

A copy of the Order Declining of the Petition for Declaratory Statement may be obtained by contacting: Nancy Purvis, Agency Clerk, Department of Revenue, Office of General Counsel, Post Office Box 6668, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-6668, (850)617-8347.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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**Section VIII
Notices of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding the Validity of Rules**

Notice of Petition for Administrative Determination has been filed with the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

Notice of Disposition of Petition for Administrative Determination have been filed by the Division of Administrative Hearings on the following rules:

NONE

**Section IX
Notices of Petitions and Dispositions
Regarding Non-rule Policy Challenges**

NONE

**Section X
Announcements and Objection Reports of
the Joint Administrative Procedures
Committee**

NONE

**Section XI
Notices Regarding Bids, Proposals and
Purchasing**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE TO DESIGN/BUILDER:

The University of Florida Board of Trustees announces that Design/Build services will be required for the project listed below:

Project: UF-342, Weimer Hall Expansion (Gainesville, FL)

The project consists of expansion and renovation of Weimer Hall, home of the College of Journalism and Communications. The total project budget is \$4,400,000, including utilities infrastructure, fees, surveys and tests, total building commissioning, and contingencies. Design and construction must be “fast-tracked” to avoid the loss of expiring funds, and minimum GOLD LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification by the U.S. Green Building Council is mandatory.

The contract for design/build services will consist of two parts. Part one services include design, construction administration, value engineering, constructability analyses, development of a cost model, estimating, and the development of a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal based on 60% or 100% Construction Documents, for which the design/builder will be paid a fixed fee.

If the GMP is accepted, part two, the construction phase, will be implemented. In part two of the contract, the design/builder becomes the single point of responsibility for completion of the construction documents, performance of the construction of the project and shall publicly bid trade contracts. Failure to negotiate an acceptable fixed fee for part one of the contract, or to arrive at an acceptable GMP within the time provided in the agreement may result in the termination of the design/builder’s contract.

Blanket design professional liability insurance will be required from the architect, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection and structural engineering subconsultants for this project and will be provided as a part of Basic Services. Plans and specifications for University of Florida projects are subject to reuse in accordance with the provisions of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes.

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their past performance, experience, personnel, design and construction ability, references, bonding capacity, workload, and responses to questions posed both in the shortlist and interview phases. The Selection Committee may reject all proposals and stop the selection process at any time.

NOTE: Due to the time constraints associated with this project, the University will only consider teams comprised of design and construction entities experienced with major construction and renovation at the University of Florida in the past 10 years. Furthermore, the design, construction documents, and record documents shall be produced using Building Information Modeling (BIM) software ... specifically, AutoDesk RevIt.

At the time of application, the applicant must be licensed to practice as a general contractor in the State of Florida and the applicant or its architectural, landscape architectural, and engineering consultants must possess current design licenses from the appropriate governing board and be properly registered to practice its profession in the State of Florida. If the applicant is a corporation, it must be chartered by the Florida Department of State to operate in Florida.

Applicants desiring to provide design/build services for the project shall submit a proposal only after thoroughly reviewing the facilities program, Project Fact Sheet, and other background information. The proposal shall be prepared as specified in the DBQS Instructions and shall include:

1. A Letter of Application that concisely illustrates the applicant's understanding of the scope of services, schedule, and other goals and considerations as outlined in the Project Fact Sheet and facilities program.
2. Company information and signed certification.
3. A completed, project-specific "Design/Builder Qualifications Supplement" (DBQS) proposal. Applications on any other form will not be considered.
4. Resumes, LEED accreditation, and other pertinent credentials for all proposed staff (applicant and consultants).
5. Proof of the applicant's corporate status in Florida (if applicable) and copies of current licenses for all construction, architectural, landscape architectural, and engineering entities (applicant and consultants) from the appropriate governing board.
6. Proof of bonding capacity and proof of all design entities' or consultants' (architecture and engineering) ability to be insured for the level of professional liability coverage demanded for this project.

As required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, an applicant may not submit a proposal for this project if it is on the convicted vendor list for a public entity crime committed within the past 36 months. The selected design/builder must warrant that it will neither utilize the services of, nor contract with, any supplier, subcontractor, or consultant in excess of \$15,000.00 in connection with this project for a period of 36 months from the date of their being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Incomplete proposals will be disqualified. Submittal materials will not be returned.

Additional information to assist the applicant in preparing a complete proposal – including the project-specific DBQS forms, instructions, Project Fact Sheet, facilities program, UF Design Services Guide, UF Design and Construction Standards, standard University of Florida Owner-Design/Builder agreement, and other project and process information – can be found on the Facilities Planning and Construction website.

Finalists may be provided with supplemental interview requirements and criteria as needed.

Provide the number of copies prescribed in the Project Fact Sheet. Submittals must be received in the Facilities Planning and Construction office by 3:00 p.m. (Local Time), Thursday, January 13, 2011. Facsimile (FAX) submittals are not acceptable and will not be considered.

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NOTICE TO DESIGN BUILD TEAMS

The University of South Florida announces that Qualifications Based Design/Build Services (QB/DB), for the design, construction and furnishing of a student housing facility, will be required for the project listed below:

PROJECT NUMBER: 581

PROJECT AND LOCATION:

USF Tampa Student Residence Facility Phase V, University of South Florida, Tampa Campus, Tampa, Florida.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project consists of preparation of a program document, design, construction and furnishing of USF Tampa Student Residence Facility Phase V, University of South Florida, in Tampa, Florida.

The University of South Florida is in the early phases of transforming the character of the campus to support a comprehensive and holistic residential experience for our students. The Student Residence Facility Phase V will provide

opportunities for affordable, high quality residential options for USF students and reinforce the academic mission of the University of South Florida:

The Phase V Student Housing project consists of 400 single, undergraduate student housing beds arranged in double occupancy suites or modified traditional hall style; single accommodations for up to 12 para-professional staff (R.A.s); two professional staff apartments; staff office space; accommodations for faculty-in-residence (apartment and office space); student support spaces (including laundry facilities, common lounges, living/learning center, study areas, kitchenettes, and related program spaces); and site development. The number of general student housing beds is subject to final program update verification, which shall include a cost and site analysis for each scenario (suite and modified traditional style). The new facility shall be a four story building with one point of entry control for front and rear entrances.

The project must be implemented in one phase with completion for occupancy in July 2012. In recognition of the aggressive timeline, the University is open to considering previously designed projects and pre-fabricated construction options.

The project, USF Tampa Student Residence Facility Phase V, is to be located on the University of South Florida, in Tampa, Florida. The project site is located south of the Tampa Campus Beta Hall, east of Argos Center and west of Maple Drive. The site is consistent with the Residential District 4 identified in the 2005 USF Tampa Campus Master Plan Update.

The Design/Build Team (Design and Construction Services Team/DCST) shall be responsible for the management of the process and project to meet project scope, budget and schedule requirements. The management of the process and project by the Design Build Team shall facilitate the USF Tampa Student Residence Facility Phase V program needs, and accomplishing those needs within the mandatory project schedule in order to meet occupancy, debt service and arbitrage requirements for a bond financed project. The Design/Build Services contract shall be in compliance with the Qualifications Based Design/Build selection provisions in Section 287.055, F.S. and B.O.G. Regulation 14.0055 including pre-construction fees, construction related service costs and a guaranteed maximum price. It is the University's responsibility to negotiate a fair, competitive, and reasonable compensation per Section 287.055, F.S. A fair, competitive and reasonable compensation shall be evaluated based upon the following information: (1) Compensation on similar projects, (2) other compensation reference data; and (3) after approval of the ranking, proposals requested from the short listed firms based upon a scope of services document to be provided at the time of negotiations.

The University will contract with a single contract entity whose Design/Build Team shall provide all services including, but not necessarily limited to professional services,

programming, cost estimating, construction services, labor, materials, and equipment required to design, construct, and furnish the project. The selected team will be required to provide record computer drawings according to the standards of the University of South Florida, including computer record drawings reflecting as-built conditions. Professional design liability insurance will be required by the contract entity for this project in the amount of \$3,000,000 and will be provided as a part of Basic Services. The projected contractual value for the 400 bed project is estimated to be \$18,000,000 to \$22,000,000 subject to final verification at the completion of the programming phase of project development. The respondent must be capable of bonding at 100% of the value of the contract with a surety licensed to do business in the State of Florida with a Best rating of A, Class IX. Project development including professional services is contingent upon availability of funds. The award of this contract is subject to availability of funds. Subject to final program update/verification, and/or if additional funding is realized, the University has the option to incorporate additional scope/funding for The USF Tampa Student Residence Facility Phase V Project.

INSTRUCTIONS: Teams desiring to apply for consideration shall submit one (1) original and seven (7) spiral bound copies of the Request for Qualifications submittal including a letter of interest, a completed "Design and Construction Services Qualification Supplement form (DCSQS), dated December 2010" with attachments, and additional information required within the proposal limits as described in the Request for Qualifications dated December 2010. Applications submitted in any other format may not be considered. The Request for Qualifications dated December 2010 and the Design and Construction Services Qualifications Instructions and Supplement form dated December 2010, which includes project information and selection criteria, may be obtained by contacting: Kathy Bennett, Facilities Planning and Construction, University of South Florida, 4202 East Fowler Avenue, FPC110, Tampa, Florida 33620-7550, email: kbennett@admin.usf.edu, (813)974-3098, Fax: (813)974-3542.

All teams must be properly registered at the time of application to practice its profession in the State of Florida. If the applicant is a corporation, or a joint venture, it must be registered by the Department of State to do business in the State of Florida at the time of application. If the applicant is the contract entity and has a consultant to perform the design or construction services, the contract entity and consultant are to have an agreement at the time of application to formally contract for consulting services. Firms applying as "Associations" without a registered joint venture agreement or a contract entity and consultant without an agreement to enter into an agreement will not be considered.

Selection of finalists for interview will be made on the basis of qualifications of the proposed design/build team, including team qualifications, team experience and ability to provide

service in meeting the project requirements and the goals and objectives of the University's Strategic Plan. As part of the University of South Florida's strategic plan, USF made a commitment to foster collaboration, open and timely communication, mutual respect, trust and inclusiveness. The University of South Florida is an equal opportunity institution, and, as such, strongly encourages the lawful use of certified Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises ("MBEs") in the provision of design and construction-related services by providing a fair and equal opportunity to compete for, or for participation in, design and/or construction related services.

Applications that do not comply with the above instructions may be disqualified. Submittals are part of the public record and no submittal material will be returned. The plans and specifications for The University of South Florida projects are subject to reuse in accordance with the provisions of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes. As required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a consultant may not submit a proposal for this project if it is on the convicted vendor list for a public entity crime committed within the past 36 months. The selected consultant must warrant that it will neither utilize the services of, nor contract with, any supplier, subcontractor, or consultant in excess of \$25,000 in connection with this project for a period of 36 months from the date of their being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Interested teams are invited and encouraged to attend a Pre-Submittal meeting at the University of South Florida, Phyllis P. Marshall Center, to be held at 10:30 a.m. (Eastern Time), Wednesday, January 19, 2011, Manatee Room, Room 3705, 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, Florida, to review the scope and requirements of this project. (Directions and parking information can be obtained at the Campus Information Center at the Fowler entrance, consult a campus map website: <http://www.usf.edu/Locations/Maps-Directions/tampa.asp> and parking information at: http://usfweb2.usf.edu/parking_services/default.asp.)

Requests for meetings by individual firms will not be granted. It shall be noted that no verbal communication shall take place between the applicants and the University of South Florida except as provided at the Pre-Submittal Meeting, the Pre-Interview Meeting and the request for the RFQ and DCSQS. Requests for any additional information or clarification at any other time than above must be in accordance with the RFQ. One (1) original and seven (7) copies of the required information shall be submitted to the Attention: Walter Pestrak, RA, Project Manager, Facilities Planning and Construction, University of South Florida, 4202 East Fowler Avenue, FPC110, Tampa, Florida 33620-7550 by 2:00 p.m. (Eastern Time), Friday, February 4, 2011. Facsimile (FAX) or electronic submittals are not acceptable and will not be considered. The University reserves the right to suspend or

discontinue the selection process at any time and to return or reject any or all submissions of Design/Build proposals without obligation to the respondent.

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Section XII Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY VOCA Grant Funds

Announcement: The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) is pleased to announce the availability of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice. The purpose of VOCA grant funds is to support the provision of services to victims of crime. Services are defined as those efforts that respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims, assist victims of crime to stabilize their lives after victimization, assist victims of crime to understand and participate in the criminal justice system, and provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security. Eligibility to apply for VOCA funds is limited to victim assistance programs administered by state or local government agencies or not-for-profit corporations registered in Florida, or a combination thereof. The funding cycle for the VOCA grant funds under this notice is October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012.

Organizations currently funded through a VOCA grant (2010-2011): may submit a Letter of Intent. The Letter of Intent may be accessed at the Office of the Attorney General's website: <http://myfloridalegal.com>, under the heading of Victims' Services, then click on Advocacy and VOCA Grants. Agencies that wish to expand services to additional judicial circuits must submit an application for each judicial circuit. The VOCA application may be accessed at the Office of the Attorney General's website: <http://myfloridalegal.com>, under the heading of Victims' Services, then click on Advocacy and VOCA Grants.