DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Pre Qualification Criteria and Public Bid of an 800-Bed Dormitory Project @FAMU
Project #BR FM326 – Project Budget 40 Million Dollars

SUMMARY
It is the intent of the University to employ a professional construction firm which will accept the existing conditions, provide a competitive bid for completion, propose the most qualified staff, be prepared to schedule the project out to completion, manage all aspects of the project up to project finalization and ready for student occupancy. Any items listed above should be clearly and thoroughly explained so that the University Review Staff has all of your pertinent information to make an informed decision as to the LOWEST and BEST QUALIFIED firm.

The University reserves the right to waive minor technicalities which appear to be in the best interest of the project and the University.

I. Bid Instructions
1. Date and Time
   • The bid shall be submitted in a separate envelope and marked “BID” at the same time as the RFQ.
2. The bid and RFQ are due on October 23, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at the office of FAMU Facilities, 2400 Wahnish Way, Tallahassee, Florida, Suite 100.
3. Location:
   • All bids will be opened and read aloud in Conference Room 214C Office of Procurement Services, FAMU, 2400 Wahnish Way, Tallahassee, FL 32307-6400
4. Plans & Specifications:
   • Will be available on September 21, 2012 at DAG Architects, Inc. 612 S. Copeland Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32304.
   • Deposit on a full set of plans and specifications is $750.00 per set with a maximum of (2) sets per General Contractor. All plans and specifications returned in good condition within (10) days after receipt of bids will be eligible for a full refund.
II. Pre-Qualifications of Construction Team Submitting Qualified Bids.
1. All bidders must comply with the criteria for the 800 Bed University Student Housing Project per the requirements outlined in the RFQ below.
2. All bidders must have completed at a minimum a 400 Bed University Dormitory Student Housing Project.
3. All bidders must provide required documents specifically but not limited to:
   a. Proof of compliance with Board of Governor’s (BOG) regulation 14.021
   b. Proof of Insurance
      • Liability
      • Workers Comp
      • Ability to obtain Builder’s Risk
      • Letter from a bonding entity (rated A or better by AM Best) stating its agreement to bond your submitted bid proposal
      • Your company’s ability to manage the tax free savings purchases that are applicable should the University decide to use this method.
      • Ability to obtain payment and performance bond
4. In addition to the mandatory site visit, all perspective bidders may visit the site prior to submitting a bid and acknowledge acceptance of all existing conditions. Acceptance will be in the written form and certified to by the appropriate management of the submitting company.
5. A mandatory site walk thru will be on October 2, 2012, 2:00 p.m. Any additional individual walk thru may be requested in writing to the Owner’s Representative and scheduled at the Owner’s discretion. It must be understood that certain portions of the work have already been performed and it is the University’s desire that the company’s visiting the site give clear definition in their response to the RFQ of their understanding and acceptance of the work in place as it exists.
6. A total staffing outline shall be submitted in the proposal identifying by name the staff that will be utilized on the facility outlining their relative experience, length of time with the company, names of previous projects with name and telephone numbers of the applicable Owners. Please be comprehensive in the staff which you identify (superintendents, foreman, in and out of office management, project managers, etc.).
7. Bidders must provide all proposed sub-contractors in a separate sealed envelope.

Proposed Schedule
The University will open the submitted bids, read them aloud and go into a review process to determine the lowest and best proposal. 

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1. Local vendors, joint partner minority ventures and disadvantage and women owned are encouraged.
2. Any significantly skewed low bids will be further reviewed and the University reserves the right NOT to consider those bids
3. Bidders are NOT allowed to have any communication with any entities associated with the University unless it is in writing. Any vendor having contact with University personnel associated with this project that is not in writing will be subject to disqualification. All inquiries shall be in writing and a written response shall be submitted to all plan and specification holders.

NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS
The Florida International University Board of Trustees announces that construction management services are required for the Project identified below:

PROJECT NAME & NUMBER: BT-897 UHSC Interior Renovations (“Project”)
PROJECT LOCATION: Modesto A. Maidique Campus (MMC), Miami, Florida
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The existing University Health Services Complex consists of two 2-story wings connected by a covered walkway at both levels. The north wing, containing approximately 8,180 GSF, was completed in 1992 and the south wing, containing approximately 18,987 GSF, was completed in 2004. The UHSC Complex currently houses student health and wellness services including clinical space and specialized areas for immunization and wellness education as well as the University’s Counseling and Psychological Services Center, the Victim’s Advocacy Center, the Office of Employee Assistance, a Women’s Health Center and a Pharmacy. The project will remodel selected interior areas of both north and south wings to accommodate growth, improve patient flow and maximize operational efficiencies within the existing facility.

The work includes a new (second) covered walkway connector structure and some other minor exterior work. Work also includes alterations and renovations to partitions and finishes, plumbing, HVAC distribution from existing air handling units, fire alarm systems and other work as required by new layouts. The work may include a new emergency power generator and associated switch gear and electrical work to provide backup power to critical areas of the complex.

The remodeling is planned to occur in at least two major phases so that operations in the complex can be maintained to the greatest extent possible. The first phase is currently planned to renovate approximately 11,700 SF of the existing south wing. The second phase is currently planned to renovate approximately 7,015 SF of the existing north wing. During the construction work the users will vacate areas to be renovated and move to temporary trailer space furnished and installed under a separate contract (not part of this project). Special work hours including nights, weekends and holidays may be required at times to minimize disruption to ongoing operations. The total building remodeling/construction cost is currently estimated to be approximately $2,000,000. Construction Documents are expected to be completed in 2012 and all phases of construction are expected to be completed by the end of 2013.

INSTRUCTIONS: Firms desiring to provide construction management services for the project shall submit a letter of application and a completed Construction Manager Qualifications Supplement (CMQS) form. Proposals must not exceed 40 pages, including the CMQS and letter of application. Pages must be numbered consecutively. Submittals, which do not comply with these requirements or do not include the requested data, will not be considered. No submittal material will be returned.

Submit eight (8) bound copies of the required proposal data and one CD copy of the complete proposal in Adobe Acrobat PDF format of the above requested data bound in the order listed. Applications that do not comply with the above instructions will not be considered. Application material will not be returned. 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 qualifications without obligation to the respondent. The award of this contract is subject to availability of funds.

The Construction Manager Qualifications Supplement (CMQS) form and the Project Fact Sheet, which describes the selection process schedule for this Project and additional information regarding the Project scope, may be obtained from the web-site: http://facilities.fiu.edu/projects/BT-897UHSC.htm. Requests for meetings by individual firms will not be granted.

Once the firm acquires the required forms, questions may be directed to Facilities Planning, (305)348-4090 or via email: griffith@fiu.edu and cc: mazorras@fiu.edu.
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: All applicants must be licensed to practice as general contractors in the State of Florida at the time of application. Corporations must be registered to operate in the State of Florida by the Department of State, Division of Corporations, at the time of application. As required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a construction management firm 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 construction management firm 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.

FIU HAS CREATED STANDARD CONTRACT FORMS, GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO CM SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE PROCESS. THESE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW, AND CAN BE FOUND AT: http://facilities.fiu.edu/formsandstandards.htm.

ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD REVIEW THE APPLICABLE FIU CONTRACT FORM AND STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY PRIOR TO MAKING A DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO RESPOND TO THIS ADVERTISEMENT.

SUBMIT QUALIFICATIONS TO: Selection Committee, Florida International University, Facilities Planning, Campus Support Complex, 11555 S.W. 17th St., Room #142, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida 33199. Submittals must be received between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Local Time), Tuesday, October 16, 2012. Submittals will not be accepted before or after the times and date stated above. Facsimile (FAX) submittals are not acceptable and will not be considered.

FGCU NOTICE TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS
Florida Gulf Coast University Board of Trustees, announces that Professional Services in the discipline of engineering will be required for the project listed below:
Project No.: BR-1079
Project and Location: Central Energy Plant Expansion-Phase 3 Fort Myers, Florida
Description of Project
This project pertains to the expansion of the main existing Central Energy Plant building and equipment. The project scope will include all mechanical, electrical, plumbing, architectural, civil and structural engineering services in the development of construction documents for an expansion of the existing CEP building of approximately 5,000 square feet, an expansion of the chilled water system for approximately 200,000 gross square feet for three new buildings at the East Academic Core Area within the Loop Road, additional ice tanks as necessary and related underground piping from the existing CEP building to the East Academic Core Area. This project will include a new cooling tower(s), related piping insulation, rigging, chemical treatment and temperature control work for the new equipment and all related site work.

The fee for the professional services requested in this project will be negotiated between the selected consultant and the University. If the fee cannot be successfully negotiated, the second selected consultant will be invited to negotiate a fee.

The construction of this project will utilize the Public Open Bid method of delivery.

The selected firm will provide design, construction documents, and administration services for the referenced project. The estimated cost of construction for the project is approximately $7,500,000 and the total project budget is $8,000,000.

Instructions:
Firms desiring to apply for consideration shall submit a letter of application.

The letter of application should have attached the following:
1. A completed Florida Gulf Coast University “Professional Qualifications Supplement” dated May, 2010, and following the instructions provided at: http://www.fgcu.edu/Facilities/ProfessionalSupplements.html.
2. Applications on any other form will not be considered, however, you may choose the electronic “fillable” DOC version or the PDF version of this form.
3. A copy of the applicant’s current Professional Registration Certificate from the appropriate governing board. An applicant must be properly registered at the time of application 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.

Submit five (5) hard bound copies of the above requested data and as specifically bound in the order listed above. Applications, which do not comply with the above instructions, may be disqualified. Application materials will not be returned.

The plans and specifications for State University System 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, subcontract, 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.

Professional Qualifications Supplement forms can be obtained as noted above. Additional descriptive project information and selection criteria may be obtained by contacting:
Mr. Barrett Genson, Director of Facilities Planning, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers, Florida 33965-6565, Phone: (239)590-1500, Fax: (239)590-1505 or by e-mail: bgenson@fgcu.edu.

Submittals must be received in the Facilities Planning Office, by 3:00 p.m. (Local Time), October 16, 2012. Facsimile (FAX) submittals are not acceptable and will not be considered.

REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCILS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC) is seeking proposals from qualified firms to develop and execute a Communications-based Tabletop Exercise. To obtain a copy of the RFP you may contact: Tim Kitchen in writing at Fax: (407)262-7788 or email: tkitchen@ecfrpc.org. In addition, a copy may be obtained from the ECFRPC website: www.ecfrpc.org under the Emergency Management Section. The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council reserves the right to accept or reject any and all responses that do not meet the RFP requirements.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID
BID NO. BDC 10-12/13
The Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks, Bureau of Design and Construction is soliciting formal competitive bids from Certified or Registered Contractors licensed to work in the jurisdiction for the project listed below.

PROJECT NAME: Curry Hammock State Park-Park Municipal Sewer Connection and Associated Work (Phase IV-Middle Keys)

SCOPE OF WORK: The Contractor shall provide the necessary labor, materials, equipment, supervision and services required to permit, install and construct the entire park’s new sewer collection/transmission system and associated work as shown on the plans and described in the specifications. Pursuant to Executive Order 07-126 and Section 255.252(3), F.S. the Department requires the proposed project be designed and constructed in accordance with green building standards where applicable.

PROJECT BUDGET: $260,000.00

PARK LOCATION: Curry Hammock State Park, 56200 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida 33050, Attention: Kenneth Troisi, Park Manager, Telephone: (305)289-2690, Fax: (305)289-2693.

MINORITY BUSINESS REQUIREMENT: The Department of Environmental Protection supports diversity in its Procurement Program and requests that all sub-contracting opportunities afforded by this bid embrace diversity enthusiastically. The award of sub-contracts should reflect the full diversity of the citizens of the State of Florida. The Department will be glad to furnish a list of Minority Owned Firms that could be offered sub-contracting opportunities.

PREQUALIFICATION: When the total Bid including Alternates exceeds $200,000, each Bidder whose field is governed by Chapter 399, 455, 489 or 633, Florida Statutes, for licensure or certification, must submit the following prequalification data of their eligibility to submit bids 240 hours (10 days) PRIOR TO the Bid Opening date, unless the Bidder has been previously qualified by the Department of Environmental Protection for the current biennium (July 1 – June 30) of odd numbered years in accordance with subsection 60D-5.004(2), F.A.C., as evidenced by a letter from DEP to the Bidder, which letter shall be presented to DEP upon request. If the Department requires clarification or additional information, Bidder shall submit such information by 120 hours (5 days) prior to Bid Opening. Material submitted after those deadlines shall disqualify the Bidder.

ADA REQUIREMENTS: Any person with a qualified disability shall not be denied equal access and effective communication regarding any bid/proposal documents or the attendance at any related meeting or bid/proposal opening. If accommodations are needed because of disability, please contact: Michael Renard, Bureau of Design and Construction, (850)488-5372, at least five (5) workdays prior to openings. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Services by calling 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

E-VERIFY: Vendor/Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system to confirm the employment eligibility of all persons employed by the Vendor/Contractor during the term of the Contract to perform employment duties within Florida and all persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Vendor/Contractor to perform work pursuant to the contract with the Department.

BID SUBMITTAL DUE DATE: No later than 3:30 p.m. (ET), October 9, 2012 to the below address: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Design and Construction, 3540 Thomasville Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32309, Attention: Michael Renard, Construction Projects Administrator, Bureau of Design and Construction, (850)488-5372. The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
BID POSTING DATE: No later than 4:00 p.m. (ET), Tuesday, October 16, 2012, unless extended by the Department for good cause.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS: Notice of Intent to Protest the Bid Specifications must be filed with (received by) the Agency Clerk, Lea Crandall, Department of Environmental Protection, Office of General Counsel, MS #35, 3900 Commonwealth Blvd., Tallahassee FL 32399-3000, (850)245-2242, Fax: (850)245-2303, Lea.Crandall@dep.state.fl.us during the 72-hour period after Bid Specifications are posted on the Vendor Bid System. Failure to file a Notice of Intent to Protest or a formal, written Protest in accordance with Chapter 28-110, F.A.C., within ten days after the 72-hour period ends, as prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of your right to an administrative hearing on the Bid Specifications under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. Rules for bid protests can be found in Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., and Chapter 28-110, Florida Administrative Code. A bid protester shall comply with these statutes and rules.

FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (FDDC #2012-HC-10400)

EARLY STEPS FUND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council, Inc. (FDDC) is pleased to announce that this request for proposals (RFP #2012-HC-10400) is released to develop a strategic plan for fund development for the Early Steps program. Individuals, not-for-profit, and for-profit agencies may submit proposals in response to this RFP. FDDC has set aside a maximum of $70,000 federal funds for a period not to exceed one (1) year for fiscal support of this RFP. The exact amount of this contract will be developed during contract negotiations. Copies of this RFP can be downloaded from the FDDC website (www.fddc.org) or copies may be requested by writing: FDDC, 124 Marriott Drive, Suite 203, Tallahassee, FL 32301, (850)488-4180, Toll Free: 1(800)580-7801 or TDD Toll Free: 1(888)488-8633.

The deadline for submitting written questions and letters of intent for this RFP is October 1, 2012, by 4:00 p.m. (EDT). Letters of intent are encouraged but not mandatory. Letters of Intent will only be accepted by fax, mail or hand delivery. Letters of Intent by email will not be accepted. All answers to written questions will be posted on the FDDC website during the week of October 15, 2012. The deadline for submitting proposals for this RFP to FDDC is November 19, 2012, by 2:00 p.m. (EST).

QUESTIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITTEN FORMAT ONLY. THIS IS A LEGAL PROCESS AND WE CANNOT ANSWER QUESTIONS VERBALLY.

Section XII
Miscellaneous

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services announces a referendum of all producers and dealers of propane gas who are in the state to levy an increase in the assessment per gallon of odorized propane gas sold or imported for consumption in Florida.

TIME PERIOD FOR REFERENDUM: Ballots and copies of a proposed marketing order will be mailed to all producers and dealers of propane gas who are in the state and whose names and addresses are known on October 1, 2012. Ballots and copies of the proposed marketing order may be obtained by persons not receiving these documents by mail by calling Lisa M. Bassett, Bureau Chief, Bureau of LP Gas Inspection, at (850)921-1600.

Ballots must be postmarked by October 22, 2012, and must be received on or before October 29, 2012. Late ballots will not be opened.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE REFERENDUM: The Department was requested to conduct the referendum by the Florida Propane Gas Education, Safety, and Research Council pursuant to Section 527.23, F.S. The council recommends raising the current assessment per gallon of odorized propane gas sold or imported for consumption in Florida an additional one-tenth of one cent ($.001), in order to ensure sufficient continued funding of propane marketing, education, and research programs. If approved by referendum, the total assessment per gallon of propane gas sold or imported for consumption in Florida would be increased to two-tenths of one cent or $.002.

On August 28, 2012, the Department held a public hearing regarding holding of the referendum. No objections were timely raised by any person at or subsequent to the hearing. If the referendum passes, a Marketing Order will be issued by the Commissioner of Agriculture incorporating the new assessment rate and identifying the programs for which the assessment will be spent. The new assessment rate will be implemented through rulemaking. For more information, please contact: Lisa M. Bassett, Chief, Bureau of LP Gas Inspection, (850)921-1600.