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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

The University of South Florida announces that continuing professional services are required for the following discipline: Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Engineer (Up to 2) (Tampa and Lakeland Campuses).

Projects included in the scope of this agreement will be specific projects for renovations, alterations, new construction and additions that have a basic construction budget estimated to be \$1,000,000 or less, or studies for which the fee for professional services is \$100,000 or less. Continuing Service contracts for these projects provide that the consultant will be available on an as-needed basis for the contract period during the fiscal year, July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. Award of contract includes an Owner's option to renew for one (1) year. The consultant receiving the award will not have an exclusive contract to perform services for these projects. The university may have additional continuing service professionals under contract during the same time period.

Services required to be provided under the Continuing Service Contracts include the development of record drawings by the Continuing Service Consultant for projects designed by that consultant to reflect as-built conditions to facilitate the University's space management program.

Firms desiring to provide professional services shall submit a letter of interest specifying the discipline for which they are applying and a completed "USF Professional Qualifications Supplement for Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Engineer" form dated April 2004. Proposals must not exceed 40 pages, including the "USF Professional Qualifications Supplement" and letter of interest. Pages must be numbered consecutively. Submittals that do not comply with these

requirements or do not include the requested data will not be considered. No submittal material will be returned. Submittals become part of the public record.

Attach to each letter of interest:

- The "USF Professional Qualifications Supplement for Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Engineer" form dated April 2004 completed by the applicant. Applications on any other form will not be considered.
- 2. 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 properly chartered by the Florida Department of State to operate in Florida.

Selection of finalists for interview will be made on the basis of professional qualifications, including experience and ability; past experience; design ability; volume of work; and distance from project. As part of the University of South Florida's strategic plan, USF made a commitment to foster a diverse community distinguished by a shared purpose, 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.

The plans and specifications for 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 \$25,000.00 in connection with this project for a period of 36 months from the date of their being placed on the convicted vendor list.

The "USF Professional Qualification Supplement for Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Engineer" form dated April 2004 and "Project Fact Sheet", which includes project information, may be obtained by contacting: Kathy Bennett, Contracts Administrator, Facilities Planning and Construction, University of South Florida, FPC110, 4202 East Fowler Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33620-7550, Phone (813)974-3098, (813)974-2625, or Fax (813)974-3542.

All Interested firms are invited and encouraged to attend a Pre-Submittal Meeting to be held at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Time, on Thursday, May 6, 2004, at the University of South Florida, Tampa Campus, Facilities Planning and Construction,