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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS

The University of South Florida announces Construction Management Services will be required for the project listed below:

PROJECT NO: 537

PROJECT AND LOCATION: USF Sun Dome Arena and Convocation Center – Renovation Project, University of South Florida, Tampa Campus, Tampa, Florida.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The USF Sun Dome Arena and Convocation Center – Renovation Project ("Sun Dome Project") includes modifications to the existing 250,000 gsf facility aimed at improving the overall building functionality. The modifications would extend the useful life of the Sun Dome for an additional 20 to 30 years and would include reconfiguration of the 10,000 seat bowl, adding a center hung scoreboard, adding concessions and restrooms at the Concourse Level, adding an east expansion building, modifying the southeast and southwest entries, and restoration of existing exterior concrete.

Building systems that require a major upgrade and replacement include the existing mechanical infrastructure, the existing electrical systems and retractable seating systems. The modified electrical system must accommodate the increasing electrical needs for NCAA Division I sound, broadcasting and lighting standards.

Building components that require improvements include correction of water penetration at the lower roof membranes, upgrade of entries to be appealing to Sun Dome patrons attending events, upgrades to entries to be code compliant, and repair of sections of concrete to protect steel reinforcements from the elements.

The renovation would provide a solution to the current state of the Sun Dome. Two new entries and club lounge as well as other exterior improvements will enhance the exterior appearance of the facility. Through permanent and interactive signage, the exterior of the new entries would allow for facility and event identification. The interior of the new entries would provide an opportunity for an impactful first impression.

Enhancing the patron experience and providing increased participation in events will be achieved by providing a fixed seating bowl from the main concourse that allows for the best sightlines with an intimate atmosphere and resolves accessibility and seating issues. A fixed bowl would also provide an interior concourse, concessions, restrooms, club rooms, and lounge boxes all increasing revenues. These improvements would allow the Sun Dome to secure more events which would benefit the campus life of the students and student athletes. The upgrades will allow the Sun Dome to be at par and competitive with other NCAA Division I and Big East collegiate basketball arenas.

The project time frame requires initial demolition in March 2011, and construction of the improvements to be completed for occupancy by the end of November 2011.

The construction budget is estimated to be approximately \$28,500,000. Project development, including construction management services, is contingent upon availability of funds. If additional funding is realized, the University has the option to incorporate additional scope/funding under this contract. The construction delivery method is anticipated to be Construction Management.

The University is seeking to hire a Construction Management team with extensive experience in arena construction and arena renovation – NCAA Division I collegiate basketball arenas.

The contract for Construction Management Services with the Construction Manager and the USF Financing Corporation shall consist of a pre-construction services phase and a construction phase. The pre-construction services phase, for which the Construction Manager will be paid a fixed fee, will value engineering, constructability development of cost models, estimating, and the development of a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) at the 50% Construction Document phase. If the GMP is accepted, the Construction Phase will be implemented. Early bid packages for fast track and multi-phase development may be required to meet project goals. In the Construction Phase of the contract, the Construction Manager becomes the single point of responsibility for performance of the construction of the project and shall publicly bid trade contracts. Failure to negotiate an acceptable fixed fee for Phase 1 of the contract, or to arrive at an acceptable GMP within the time provided in the agreement, may result in the termination of the Construction Manager's contract. It is the University's responsibility to negotiate a fair, competitive, and reasonable compensation for pre-construction services, construction management costs