

REQUEST FOR
ARCHITECTURAL / ENGINEERING
SERVICES

August 1, 2023

Colonial Drive and University Boulevard Enhancements
UA Project No. TRN-23-3384

Issued by

Construction Administration
The University of Alabama

Note:

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Please address all submittals and clarification questions to:

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RFQ PROJECT SCHEDULE

August 11, 2023	Response deadline for A/E Firms
August 14-16, 2023	UA Selection Committee Evaluation I
August 17, 2023	Notification to the top ranked A/E firms
August 28-29, 2023	Zoom oral interviews (top ranked A/E firms)
September 1, 2023	A/E rankings and Recommendation to BOT
November	A/E approval by UA Board of Trustees

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Colonial Drive and University Boulevard Infrastructure and Enhancements Project (“Project”) will improve the teaching, learning, and working environments of campus constituents by providing reliable and efficient thermal energy to facilities by replacing systems which have reached the end of their functional service life. By connecting the existing facilities to the central system, which features efficient and centralized equipment in the energy plants, the Project will free campus exterior space currently occupied by existing equipment for other uses including, but not limited to, parking, landscaping, and hardscape improvements.

Furthermore, reducing the cost to provide cooling and heating to buildings will support The University of Alabama (“University”) in maintaining a competitive cost of attendance.

This Project will include rerouting the sanitary sewer that is currently running under Reese Phifer Hall and McClure Library, new thermal piping routed to Reese Phifer Hall and connection to the Central Thermal System, storm sewer at the intersection of University Boulevard and Colonial Drive, as well as improvements to the roadways including paving, road markings, landscaping, bike paths, lighting and security.

Long lead items will be Owner Purchased Contractor Installed to mitigate the effect of continued supply chain challenges. The Project will facilitate the removal of concrete paving under University Boulevard in advance of future University Boulevard enhancement projects. The Project will also address the mitigation of flooding risk present at Doster and Reese Phifer Hall, as well as support future flood mitigation on University Boulevard and the Quad. The Project is key to enhancing the pedestrian and vehicular traffic to and from the academic core of campus as a continuation of the Colonial Drive enhancements previously completed south of Judy Bonner Drive. This corridor is a key pedestrian and transportation link to the campus for both on and off campus residents and serves as a gateway for many to the University. The Project will also address significant deferred maintenance and facility renewal liabilities for the Campus by replacing existing undersized local utility Infrastructure that serves Reese Phifer Hall and aging sanitary sewer systems with more centralized and modern equipment. The estimated construction cost is approximately \$13,000,000.00.

PROJECT GOALS`

All construction bid packages will be competitively bid in compliance with the State of Alabama Public Works Law (Code of Alabama, Title 39).

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

The University is seeking Engineering firms/teams with comprehensive infrastructure and civil design expertise. The Engineering firm will be responsible for providing engineering designs to satisfy the UA design standards and guidelines, the Alabama Division of Construction Management standards, and the State Building Code, as well as any other applicable codes for

this type of project. **Please upload/submit one (1) electronic copy using the link below by 5:00 pm local time on Friday, August 11, 2023.**

[Link to upload submissions:](#)

<https://alabama.app.box.com/f/4d394b03f2e94f4e917faf2543333cdc>

File name: (firm's name) Colonial-University Blvd-UARFQ.pdf

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Respondents shall carefully read the information contained in the following criteria and respond in their application.

ONE: RESPONDENT'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (Score 1-5)

- A. Describe your firm's experience working with other universities and state agencies.
- B. Describe your firm's experience working with The University of Alabama.
 - a. The UA desires to have input in the procurement of consultants once the top ranked firm is selected.
- C. The UA encourages the use of certified minority-owned businesses and certified women-owned businesses in its construction program. Describe your firm's approach in soliciting certified minority-owned or women-owned firms and consultants.

TWO: RESPONDENT'S PERFORMANCE ON PAST REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS (Score 1-5)

- A. Identify and describe the proposed team's past experience providing design services that are **identical or similar** to this project within the last ten (10) years. List the projects in order of priority, with the most relevant project listed first.
- B. Provide references (for each project listed above, identify the following):
 - The Owner's name and their representative who served as the day-to-day liaison during the design and construction phases of the project, including current contact information.

The Owner may contact these references during this qualification process.

- C. Has your firm/organization within the past seven (7) years ever been terminated from a design project? If yes, please give pertinent details.

THREE: LITIGATION AND CLAIMS (Score 1-5)

- A. Does your firm/organization or any of its officers currently have any judgments, claims, arbitration, or mediation proceedings pending or outstanding? If yes, please give pertinent details and outcome(s).
- B. Has your firm/organization within the past seven (7) years filed any lawsuits or requested arbitration or mediation proceedings in regard to any of your construction projects? If yes, please give pertinent details and outcome(s).

FOUR: RESPONDENT'S ABILITY TO MEET INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
(Score 1-5)

- A. Does your firm/organization have the ability to meet all the UA insurance requirements? (See attached)
- B. What is your process for managing any claims of the contractors during the project?

FIVE: PROJECT SPECIFIC CRITERIA (Score 1-5)

- A. Describe and provide examples of civil site designs including drainage, lighting, ADA regulations, pedestrian enhancements/connections, traffic, and pedestrian control.
- B. What is your design approach or methodology and standard of care for fast paced design and construction projects.
- C. Describe your firm's experience with the coordination outside consultants (i.e. mechanical and electrical).

SELECTION PROCESS:

Upon receipt, submittals will be evaluated by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will rank the firms accordingly to participate in oral Interviews (usually top three). A project program (if applicable or complete) will be sent to all top ranked firms to assist with their oral interviews. Following oral interview evaluations, the top ranked firms will be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. A contract will be negotiated with the top-ranked firm as approved by the Board of Trustees. If a contract can be negotiated, then that firm will be selected. If a contract cannot be negotiated, then negotiations with the next highest ranked firm will commence until an agreement satisfactory to UA is reached. Preference shall be granted to an Alabama-based firm when qualities are comparable. This project is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama.

Note:

Upon entering into an Agreement, the selected firm will be required to submit a Vendor Disclosure Statement. Samples of these documents are attached for your review.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Insurance Requirements
- B. Vendor Disclosure Statement