

REQUEST FOR **CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES**

February 3, 2025

For

Various Campus Wide Projects

UA Project No. 000-25-000

Issued by

Contract Administration
The University of Alabama

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PROJECT SCHEDULE

February 2, 2025	Advertisement in newspaper
February 3, 2025	RFQ posted to UA website
February 17, 2025	Response deadline for A/E Firms
February 21-26, 2025	UA Selection Committee Evaluation 1
February 27, 2025	Notification to the top ranked A/E firms
March 20, 2025	UA oral interviews (top ranked A/E firms)
April 2, 2025	A/E Rankings and Recommendation to BOT
June 2025	A/E approval by UA Board of Trustees

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The University of Alabama (UA) is soliciting applications for Construction Materials Testing (CMT) Services for various construction projects on campus. Projects will vary in size and complexity. The CMT firm needs to have knowledge and expertise in testing & inspections related to all types of concrete frame construction, steel frame construction, masonry construction, foundations, load bearing light gauge metal framing, paving and parking, IBC required special inspections, and site and underground utilities work. The estimated construction cost per project will vary and usually not exceeding 70 million dollars.

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 of Alabama (UA) is seeking firms/teams with construction material testing expertise. The selected firm will be responsible for providing architectural and engineering designs to satisfy the University design standards and guidelines, the Alabama Building Commission 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 4:00 pm local time on Monday, February 17, 2025.

Link to upload submissions:

<https://alabama.app.box.com/f/0917077b98ca48dc8bc37daa017906d5>

File name: *(firm's name)* CMT and Special Inspections-UARFQ.pdf

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

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

ONE: RESPONDENT'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

- A. Describe your firm's experience working with The University of Alabama.
- B. Describe your firm's structure and identify the qualification of each and all personnel that may be assigned to projects on campus.
- C. Describe the firm's ability to provide personnel qualified to perform a variety of testing/inspection services in order to maximize coverage of the project needs with a minimum number of onsite staff.
- D. Describe your experience with Inspections required by Governmental Agencies.
- E. List all services that are provided by your firm. Explain any services that are outsourced and not provided in-house.

TWO: RESPONDENT'S PERFORMANCE ON PAST REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

- A. Identify and describe your past experience providing CMT services for each of the following:
1. Concrete Construction
 2. Steel Construction
 3. Masonry Construction
 4. Soils and Deep Foundation
 5. Light Gauge Steel Trusses
 6. Structural Tests and Special Inspections
 7. Paving and Parking
 8. Site and Underground Utility Construction
 9. Mass Rock Excavation
- B. Identify and describe your past experience for providing CMT services that are most related to a university or college within the last five (5) years. List the projects in order of priority, with the most relevant project listed first.
- C. Provide references (for each project listed above, identify the following):
- The Owner's name or their representative, including current contact information.
 - The Contractor's name and their representative who served as the day-to-day liaison during the construction phases of the project, including current contact information.

The Owner may contact these references during this qualification process.

- D. How does your firm propose handling lab testing for various projects on campus?
- E. 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

- 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

- A. Does your firm/organization have the ability to meet all of the UA insurance requirements? (see attached)

SELECTION PROCESS:

Upon receipt, submittals, the Selection Committee will evaluate and rank firms according to points allocated for each response. The Selection Committee will short list the CMT firms accordingly. In person presentations may be conducted and each firm will receive criteria to assist with their presentation. Following oral interview evaluations, the UA Construction Administration and Contract Administration Department anticipates negotiating and entering into a three-year contract with option to extend for two years multiples after the second year. 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 individual or firm will commence until an agreement satisfactory to the University is reached. Preference shall be granted to an Alabama-based firm when qualities are comparable.

Note:

1. 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.
2. The anticipated duration of this agreement will be for 3 years.
3. RFQ schedule is subject to change.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Insurance Requirements
- B. Vendor Disclosure Statement