

REQUEST FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES

May 24, 2022

for

Geological Survey of Alabama Core Warehouse Building

UA Project No. 1047-22-2978

Issued by

Construction Administration
The University of Alabama

Note:

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PROJECT SCHEDULE

May 8, 2022	Advertisement in Newspaper
June 3, 2022	Response deadline for A/E Firms
June 6-9, 2022	UA Selection Committee Evaluation 1
June 10, 2022	Notification to the top ranked A/E firms
June 29, 2022	UA oral interviews (top ranked A/E firms)
June 30, 2022	A/E rankings and Recommendation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The current GSA/OGB core repository warehouse is located on the first floor of Mary Harmon Bryant Hall. The existing warehouse space is approximately 10,000 sq. ft. (16' ceiling), with about 4200 sq. ft. of associated labs, prep space, storage, and viewing rooms. The storage shelves are presently filled to 99% capacity.

A new proposed replacement facility of approximately 20,000 sq. ft. would provide a new main storage facility, and about 5000 sq. ft. for viewing rooms, labs, storage, 2 offices for facility staff, support spaces and restroom(s). The main storage space should provide at least a 20' ceiling. A new facility would plan for new shelving/racks that are more robust than what are currently used. The facility would need humidity control in the storage areas and full climate control in all sample prep labs, a dedicated petrographic lab, staff offices, and restrooms. A loading dock for deliveries of large pallets of core material, etc. would also be required. The office spaces in the front of Mary Harmon Bryant Hall would remain as currently occupied. Programming for this project has been completed by Construction Administration and the estimated construction cost is approximately \$4,300,000.00.

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 Architectural & Engineering firms/teams with high volume storage facility expertise and support spaces (i.e., offices and support spaces). The Architect/Engineer (A/E) firm will be responsible for providing architectural and 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, June 3, 2022.**

Link to upload submissions:

<https://alabama.app.box.com/f/9ab89afa4b124f64aaef649bbacf0eab>

File name: *(firm's name)* GSA Warehouse-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 ("University").
 - The University desires to have input in the procurement of consultants once the top ranked firm is selected.
- C. The University 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 – 10)

- A. Identify and describe the proposed team's past experience providing services that are **identical or similar** to this project. 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, and 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 regarding 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 University's 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 – 10)*

- A. Give examples (if applicable) where you have created or worked with high bay shelving systems on a particular project.
- B. Discuss your methodology and approach to projects where humidity control was imperative.
- C. Discuss your experience with project with loading docks or conveying of large or bulk materials or equipment.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Upon receipt, submittals will be evaluated by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will rank the A/E firms accordingly to participate in oral Interviews (usually top three). A project program (if applicable or complete) will be sent to all top ranked A/E's to assist with their oral interviews. Following oral interview evaluations, the top ranked A/E firms will be recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval. A contract will be negotiated with the top-ranked A/E 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 A/E 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:

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