

**REQUEST FOR**  
**ARCHITECTURAL / ENGINEERING**  
**SERVICES**

June 2, 2023

**Renovations for the Student Life Wellness Services Building**  
UA Project No. 292-23-3314

Issued by

Construction Administration  
The University of Alabama

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Please address all submittals and clarification questions to:

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## **RFQ PROJECT SCHEDULE**

June 14, 2023	Response deadline for A/E Firms
June 14-16, 2023	UA Selection Committee Evaluation I
June 16, 2023	Notification to the top ranked A/E firms
June 28, 2023	UA oral interviews (top ranked A/E firms)
June 29, 2023	A/E rankings and Recommendation to BOT
<b>September 2023</b>	<b>A/E approval by UA Board of Trustees</b>

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Project scope is comprised of an 8,671 gross square feet (GSF) single level, complete interior and selective exterior renovation of the Student Life Wellness Services Building. The renovation will support the new Student Life centers for Health Promotion & Wellness and Collegiate Recovery & Intervention Services. The work will also address deferred maintenance needs such as replacing flooring, windows, roofing, mechanical equipment, and electrical equipment that will improve the overall efficiency of the facility.

Approximately 5,300 square feet of the renovation is allocated to the Collegiate Recovery &

Intervention Services center. This space will provide valuable programs for the greater student population and will be in an easy to access location and central to Campus. The remainder of the renovated space will house the Health Promotion & Wellness center. This relocation will provide increased space which will be used to expand student engagement and cultivate additional outreach initiatives across campus.

Finally, this renovation will include appropriate architectural and site considerations to ensure that it complements the surrounding buildings, enhances pedestrian connectivity and forms an appropriate composition with both surrounding buildings.

Programming documents have been completed for this project and the estimated construction cost is approximately \$ 5,500,000.00.

## **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 addition/renovation design expertise. 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 Wednesday, June 14, 2023.**

**[Link to upload submissions:](#)**

**<https://alabama.app.box.com/f/d850be9d31b248528593696cf1b3cd27>**

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## **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 A/E 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 your firm's experience with selective exterior renovations and your sensitivity to the massing, architectural design and detailing providing a cohesive design solution.
- B. Describe your firm's experience with the coordination of major building systems for comprehensive renovations. (i.e., mechanical, and electrical).
- C. Discuss your firms' experience with "Biophilic" design or evidence-based design for wellness, counseling, or healthcare. What lessons learned could be relevant to ensure project success?

#### **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 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