

REQUEST FOR
ARCHITECTURAL / ENGINEERING
SERVICES

April 3, 2022

For
University Boulevard Drive Through Retail
UA Project No. PLN-22-2903

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

April 3, 2022	Advertisement in Newspaper and Post RFQ
April 13, 2022	Response deadline for A/E Firms
April 14-18, 2022	UA Selection Committee Evaluation I
April 18, 2022	Notification to the top ranked A/E firms
April 27, 28 or 29, 2022	UA oral interviews (top ranked A/E firms)
May 2, 2022	A/E rankings and Recommendation to BOT
June 2022	A/E approval by UA Board of Trustees

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The New Drive-thru retail facility project (“Project”) on University Blvd will consist of the construction of a new Starbucks drive-thru facility to serve the University community.

This project will be a 1,000 square foot Starbucks coffee facility, with drive-thru service only. The building will be a one-story, traditional appearance Starbucks drive-thru only concept, designed to serve customers through the drive-thru window and with an alternative pick-up option for customers who choose to order via Starbucks mobile ordering app, from a window or locker system. There is no interior café in this type of Starbucks drive-thru only store.

The facility will include an appropriate surface lot, drive-thru queueing, loading dock and service facilities to support the venue.

The lot is currently vacant and highly accessible, and the proposed use is consistent with the retail and commercial nature of the area.

Initial programming for this project has been performed by CMH Architects. The estimated construction cost is approximately \$1,600,000.00.

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 comprehensive retail experience, specifically drive thorough retail and food delivery service. 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, April 13, 2022.**

[Link to upload submissions:](#)

<https://alabama.app.box.com/f/c5116ae4592046fdb1f32be40f401581>

File name: (firm's name) Univ-Blvd Retail UARFQ.pdf

Electronic submittals shall be generated in a presentation format (preferably Adobe PDF) including a cover/title page with your firm's name, project name and number and primary contact information. Faxed or late submittals will not be accepted.

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 (Maximum 6 points)

- 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 (Maximum 12 points)

- 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 fifteen (15) 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 (Maximum 6 points)

- 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
(Maximum 4 points)

- 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 (Maximum 12 points)

- A. Explain your firm's collaboration with a food service consultant and how you typically integrate that into the overall design.
- B. Describe your firm's experience with compact/tight site constraints accompanied with a large volume of traffic stacking for a drive through facility. Share any parking challenges and/or restrictions.
- C. Describe your experience and methodology coordinating multiple construction bid packages (i.e., site and building).

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