

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

January 20, 2025

**Student Recreation Pickleball Court Expansion**  
UA Project No. 372-25-3847

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**

January 19, 2025	Advertisement to Newspaper
January 20, 2025	RFQ Posted to UA Website
February 3, 2025	Response deadline for A/E Firms
February 4-6, 2025	UA Selection Committee Evaluation I
February 7, 2025	Notification to the top ranked A/E firms
February 13, 2025	UA oral interviews (top ranked A/E firms)
February 19, 2025	A/E rankings and Recommendation to BOT
<b>April 2025</b>	<b>A/E approval by UA Board of Trustees</b>

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Student Recreation Pickleball Court Expansion project (“Project”) at 550 Peter Bryce Blvd will expand the recreation tennis court facility to address the increasing demand for Pickleball play. The Project will add up to ten new pickleball courts adjacent to the outdoor recreation space to reduce existing long wait times for court play. The new courts will include appropriate lighting, access and security. The bid documents will include progressive alternates to maximize the number of courts that can be added to maximize value and funds available. The estimated construction cost is 1.2 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 is seeking Architectural & Engineering firms/teams with playground, landscape, and civil 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 4:00 pm local time on Friday, February 3, 2025.**

### **Link to upload submissions:**

<https://alabama.app.box.com/f/f5c2a3e56ce14421a5ed2712d3f5c82c>

File name: *(firm’s name)* Student Pickleball Courts-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 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. Discuss your firm's history dealing with recreational facilities. What were the challenges encountered and your proposed solution(s)?
- B. Discuss your firms' experience with security solutions for recreational facilities. What are some challenges with this design deliverable approach (if any)? 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