

The School District of Osceola County
Facilities Planning and Construction

RFQ
Request for Qualifications Procedures

For
Architectural/Engineering Services
For the School District's "Store" Conversion Project

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And

Evaluation Procedures

Architectural/Engineering Services

RFQ # SDOC-06-078-FPC

The School District of Osceola County is requiring Architectural/Engineering Services for the following:

“Store” Conversion Project – SDOC-06-078-FPC

Overall Construction Budget Range - \$ 6,100,000 to 7,400,000 based on 45,000 sf

Project Description: Complete renovation of an existing Building (location to be determined). Building sizes will be anywhere from 45,000 sf to 90,000 sf. Location will be renovated to house the following School Programs;

- Secondary Academic
- Vocational Programs

Project Schedule:

To be determined after Selection Process is complete

Submittals are due Monday, May 1, 2006 at 2:00 PM

Please address all submittals as follows:

**RFQ # SDOC-06-078-FPC
The School District of Osceola County
Purchasing Department
Lisa Kesecker – Purchasing Specialist
817 Bill Beck Boulevard
Kissimmee, Florida 34744**

**RE: Architectural/Engineering Services
For a “Store” Conversion Project**

Please note that no additional information with regards to this request for qualification will be provided either in writing or by telephone.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this supplement is to provide uniform guidelines and submission requirements in the acquisition of professional services. These guidelines are intended to comply with the Florida Statutes “Consultants’ Competitive Negotiation Act”, Chapter 287; Section 287.055.

In determining whether a firm is qualified, the School District of Osceola County, Florida shall consider such factors as the ability of professional personnel; past performance; willingness to meet time and budget requirements; location; recent current workloads of the firms; and the volume of work previously awarded to each firm by the School District of Osceola County, Florida.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

The date of submission is established by the invitation submit proposals. Submission later than 2:00 P.M. EST., on the established date, shall not be accepted.

Compliance with the specific requirements listed below is mandatory. The proposal shall contain the information required, in the order presented and described. Failure to provide the requested information may result in the proposal being deemed non-responsive. A non-responsive proposal shall not receive further consideration.

In the instance where a specific requirement(s) may not apply to the project in question, a statement must be inserted at the tab location stating the reason(s) of non-applicability.

Elaborate and verbose proposals are discouraged. Special and elaborate printing of proposals beyond that, which is normal for your profession, is discouraged. Information in addition to that specifically requested (i.e. videotapes, photographs, in-depth firm history, lengthy and repetitive resumes, etc.) is strongly discouraged. The information requested should be submitted in a concise, easy to read format.

In order to minimize the possibility of unethical pressures or influences on the recommendations of the Selection Committee, appointments will not be made public until interviews (with the Short Listed Applicants) or the selection rankings are scheduled for presentation to the School Board for approval. The goal of this committee is to assess the Applicants on an equitable basis. All contacts and/or communication shall be made in writing to Lisa Kesecker, CPPB – Purchasing Specialist. All prospective companies are hereby cautioned not to contact any School Board Member of the School District of Osceola County or the Selection Committee Members, nor to attempt to persuade or promote through other channels.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

Please submit Five (5) copies of your proposal in an 8 ½” x 11” edge bound format, (covers may be slightly larger) tabbed to correspond with the listed headings below, along with an Electronic copy in PDF format saved to a Disk or CD (this will be archived in the file). Contents shall be in general conformance with required criteria utilizing your firms phrasing to complete the requested listing. Failure to submit the information and format requested may result in the proposal being deemed non-responsive. A non-responsive proposal shall not receive further consideration.

1. Letter of Interest **(Unscored requirement)**
2. Standard Form 330; (must be signed) **(Unscored requirement)**
3. Competence (registration; firm/individual); **(15 points)**
State the size of staff, number of registered professionals, overall experience of staff, and experience of assigned staff for the particular project. Technical education of assigned individual(s) or staff. Provide indication of adequate

equipment and facilities for project(s). Discuss the firm's method of documents, quality control and the project management methods to be utilized. Indicate if firm is a certified minority business enterprise and insert a current certificate if applicable. Provide above information for consultants (if utilized).

4. Current projected work load; **(10 points)**
State the number and size of projects of the firm and assigned personnel; stage of completion of current projects; number of projects behind schedule or past completion date, also those ahead of schedule or completed early. Include both construction document and construction administration phases for this evaluation. Indicate in this section the total known or anticipated dollar volume of projects and divide this number by the firm total professional-technical employees shall include; graduate and/or licensed design professionals, designers and lead drafts person.
5. Financial responsibility; **(Unscored requirement)**
Capitalization of firm (latest fiscal year statement or similar); recent or foreseen merger, acquisitions; corporation partnership or joint venture description; number of years in business; professional liability insurance (provide certificate of insurance). Minimum amounts as follows:
6. **INSURANCE** **(Unscored requirement)**
The DESIGN PROFESSIONAL shall carry worker's compensation insurance to comply with Florida Statutes, and comprehensive liability insurance and vehicle public liability and property damage in minimum amounts of \$500,000.00 per claimant and \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. Professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance shall be carried in an amount providing no less than \$2,000,000.00 minimum coverage. Valuable paper coverage shall be provided. All such insurance shall be obtained from an insurance company duly qualified, authorized, and in good standing to carry on its insurance business in the State of Florida. Certificates of insurance or other satisfactory proofs of insurance shall be furnished by the DESIGN PROFESSIONAL prior to the commencement of its services hereunder. The aforementioned insurance coverage shall be maintained and kept in full force and effect for the term of this Agreement and shall not be materially reduced, altered, amended, or canceled without at least thirty (30) day written notice thereof to the OWNER.
7. Experience and capability; **(25 points)**
Indicate firm's ability to observe and advise whether contractor is compiling with all plans and specifications. Experience of firm and assigned personnel in supervisory positions observing and monitoring construction projects. Current number of uncompleted projects. Where applicable, the experience of firm and assigned personnel in the review of plans and shop drawings. Indicate your contract construction administration process. Highlight quality control process, method of dealing with document conflicts and contractor(s) construction errors.

8. Past performance/community involvement; (20 points)
Current and past record of those projects successfully completed which are similar in scope to project(s) under consideration. List references for each project described, name(s) address and phone. List methods firm has taken to be involved in past support of the School District of Osceola County.
9. Proximity to the School District's Administration Office; (5 points)
Local office, nearest office or office where project will be based. Indicate travel and communications plans (if applicable).
10. Past record of performance with district; (10 points)
Number of projects with district, current or past. Indicate type of services provided; firm's ability to adhere to previous scope and schedule. Firm's additional services costs or past projects (provide breakdown). Construction Change Orders on past projects (provide breakdown listing percentage of construction cost and breakout for own requested vs. other costs).
11. Project(s) discussion; (15 points)
Provide a brief discussion of the firm's approach and understanding of the project type(s). The firm's method(s) of controlling cost in construction and life cycle analysis. Describe firm's method of working with governmental agencies. Discuss State Requirements for Educational Facilities and method of dealing with "Public Records Law" and "Government in the Sunshine".

The District may opt to conduct interviews instead of having formal presentations with selected firms, should it be required or warranted. The option of doing interviews instead of the formal presentations is compliant with School Board Policy and F.S. 287.055. Discussions may be held between the Selection Committee and the Firms selected for interview based upon data submitted by each firm. Firms will be notified in writing as to whether or not they have been selected for this contract.

PROJECT MILESTONE

	Legal Advertisements
March 31, 2006	Legal Advertisement Orlando Sentinel
April 5, 2006	Legal Advertisement Orlando Sentinel
April 9, 2006	Legal Advertisement Orlando Sentinel
	Responses to RFQ due 2:00 PM
May 1, 2006	Location: The School District of Osceola County Purchasing Department 817 Bill Beck Boulevard, Bldg 2000 Kissimmee, Florida 34744-4495
May 1- May 15 *	Review Submittals
May 15, 2006 *	Notification of Selected Short List Candidates
May 22, 2006 *	Short List Oral Presentations and/or Interviews Presentations will be presented before the Selection Committee and possibly the School Board Location: The School District of Osceola County Facilities Planning & Construction 809 Bill Beck Boulevard Kissimmee, Florida 34744 Time 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon
June 6, 2006 *	School Board Meeting; Ratification of Ranked Finalists

* Dates marked with an Asterisk are subject to change.