

RFQ Question and Answer List

State of Ohio Standard Forms and Documents

Project Name Lausche Heating Plant Replacement Project Number OHU-121900
Project Location Ohio University – Athens Ohio

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Below are the questions that have been received to date for the RFQ of the above-referenced project:

1. Is this statement indicating that all engineering services (mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and civil engineering and technology design) will be provided by RMF Engineering as a part of the design-build team?
 - A. RMF Engineering will not be part of the Design-Build Team. Each Design-Build Team is required to have an engineer that will provide all of the necessary engineering required to complete the scope of work.
2. Is this statement also indicating that all project commissioning will be provided by RMF Engineering, or will you also be contracting with an independent third-party commissioning authority?
 - A. The Design-Build Team will be required to commission all of their work associated with the project. As a result they will be required to furnish all engineering, labor and materials associated with the project. RMF will develop the plan for commissioning and identify what has to be commissioned. In addition they will oversee the commissioning process and serve in an advisory role to the Owner.
3. Total Project Cost: \$70,000,000 and Construction Cost: \$59,000,000. Can you please clarify the difference between these two numbers and confirm what the construction cost number includes?
 - A. The Construction Cost number of \$59,000,000 is the estimated Design-Build cost figure to complete the project. This includes all engineering, labor, materials incurred by the Design-Build Firm to complete the design and construction of the Cogeneration Facility. The differential between Construction Cost and Total Project Cost includes cost incurred by the University to complete the project and is not part of the Design Build Firm's Cost.
4. Will the Design-Build Selection Rating Form be utilized to short list the firms that respond to the RFQ or will that selection criteria be utilized after the firms have been shortlisted for the RFP stage?
 - A. Short listed firms will be selected as identified on Page 4 of 7, Section F, Paragraph identified Short List. The Design-Build Rating Form will be used in this process.
5. Item 5A on the selection form indicates that letters of reference should be provided, but it's not clear from the body of the RFQ document if and where such letters should be included in our response.
 - A. The letters of reference can be provided in Section H Additional Information section of the Form F110-330.
6. The Design-Build Selection Rating form and form F110-330 seem to contradict each other relative to the required EDGE participation. More specifically, it is unclear what documentation and specific information needs to be provided in the response to the RFQ both to meet the minimum EDGE requirements and to maximize the points available under item 3B.
 - A. The goals for EDGE participation are identified on Page 4 of 7 of the RFQ. One additional point will be awarded for every 2 percent increase in preconstruction stage compensation over the advertised EDGE participation goal of 5%. Page 5 of 7 identifies the RFQ submittal requirements for EDGE.
7. Which project dollar amount should be used for our letter of bondability \$59,000,000 or \$70,000,000?
 - A. The dollar amount to be used for the letter of bondability is \$59,000,000.

8. The Link referenced on Page 3 of 7 under B. Scope of Services, second-last sentence of paragraph 2, does not work. This is to access the Ohio University Design Standards. Please clarify how to properly access this on the website
 - A. The Ohio University Design Standards can be found at http://www.ohio.edu/facilities/design-construction/university_standards.htm. There should be an underscore (_) between university and standards. This did not appear in the RFQ document. .

9. In the RFQ under “relevant scope of work requirements for this RFQ, Item # 3 “Emerson Process Control System Design Experience”Could you please clarify, seems to ask about a specific control company experience indicates the control side portion has been awarded for Emerson Hardware & Software! Metso has it's own Process Control System design experience, just like ABB, Honeywell, etc. Do you have a current Emerson system at the plant or well they be interface with one? I will do what I can for my OU and hate to see us counted out due to #3.
 - A. The University does not have an existing Emerson system. The RFQ response should indicate experience with an Emerson Process Control or equivalent control system.

10. Enerfab understands that during the Preconstruction Services, if the proposed Contract Sum exceeds the budget, that the agreement may be terminated. Please verify that in this event, that Ohio University will pay us in full for the following (4) items listed under Request for Proposal on Page 4 of 7: preconstruction stage reimbursable expenses, preconstruction fee, preconstruction stage design fee and preconstruction stage personnel costs.
 - A. The selected design-build firm will be paid in accordance with the eventual contract between the parties.