

Question and Answer List

State of Ohio Standard Forms and Documents

Project Name Science Laboratory Building Project Number OHU - 141920
Project Location 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. Question: Several questions were received requesting clarification on the Primary Services Required versus the Secondary Services Required;
 - A. Answer: The intent and desire of the University is to have an Architectural firm be the primary consultant and to hold the contract with the University. The Laboratory Planning and Design consultant was erroneously identified as the primary service.
The Laboratory Planning and Design member of the project team will be expected to act as the lead consultant during the programming and planning phase. Thereafter (in the design and construction phases) the Architectural firm will lead the project, with an expectation that the Laboratory Planning and Design consultant will participate as secondary team member during those phases, to insure that the ideas and concepts developed (under their leadership) during the programming and planning phase are appropriately implemented in the final project design and construction.

2. Question: Are the parameters for Proximity of the primary A/E firm to the project site (Selection Criteria, Item 1.a.) correct as shown.
 - A. Answer: Yes.

3. Question: EDGE: On p3, second paragraph, it is stated that it is not the intention to require EDGE participation for this portion of the project (for which the RFQ is written) and that the issue is to be addressed using the appropriate Intent and Good Faith forms. In the third paragraph, we are asked to identify by name the EDGE-certified businesses which will participate in the delivery of the services solicited in the RFQ. Since EDGE participation is not being solicited in this RFQ, please clarify what is expected in terms of naming EDGE-certified business in our submittal.
 - A. Answer: EDGE Participation is not required for the programming/planning phase and the consultants involved in that work. EDGE participation will be required for the Design and Construction portion of the project which will commence once the programming/planning phase is complete.

4. Question: On p1 under Project Description, it is stated that the anticipated project delivery method is General Contracting. On p1 under Scope of Services it is indicated that, upon completion of the study, the University will determine the preferred construction delivery method. On the Rating Form on p4, item 5b addresses experience with anticipated project delivery method. Should we focus only on General Contracting or should we address other methodologies as well?
 - A. Answer: The "General Contracting" project delivery method is indicated because the formatting of the document allowed only certain choices, and that is the one we chose to indicate at this time. Since the final project delivery method has not been determined, the submitters should provide information regarding their experience with all of the project delivery methods indicated in Item 5.b.

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5. Question: The RFP states that the Primary A/E should be registered in Ohio. Can you confirm that you are looking for each of the team members indicated in Part 2 of the Selection Rating Form to be registered in Ohio (the PM, Project Designer, Technical Staff and Construction Administrative Staff)? Do these individuals need to work for the Primary A/E Firm?
- A. Answer: The primary team should have at least one participant in a significant role that is registered in the State of Ohio.
6. Question: Understanding this is a new building, do you want us to include a structural engineer on our team at this time?
- A. Answer: Yes, absolutely. This was an omission on our part.
7. Question: Will this building house the entire departments listed in the RFQ including the Departments of Chemistry, Physics and Astronomy, and Geology?
- A. Answer: That is the intent at this point, although part of the programming/planning exercise will be to help the University determine the best use of the available space and funding for the overall project.
8. Question: Will the Ohio University Science Building project be commissioned? If so, how will the commissioning solicitation process take place?
- A. Answer: Yes, it will be commissioned. The commissioning agent may be part of the consultant team, or may be a separate entity. This will be determined at a later date. If the project team does have commissioning capabilities, that should be mentioned in Section H (Additional Information) of the RFQ response format.