



## RFQ Question and Answer List

Project Name	Arts District Master Plan	Project Number	OSU-130377
Project Location	Columbus Campus		

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

- 1) Since the scope is master planning & urban design, do we need to team with an Ohio-based firm, if we have the capabilities in-house?
  - a) Proximity of firm to the project site is a consideration but not required for the purposes of this project.
- 2) What is the role of the MEP engineer at a master planning level?
  - a) The MEP engineer would be involved in site infrastructure considerations which will impact cost estimates, enabling projects and deferred maintenance. The MEP engineers would also be involved in high level evaluations of existing facilities to be a consideration in reuse and cost.
- 3) What is the selection process after the submission of qualifications? Will there be an interview?
  - a) Qualifications will be scored by a core team of University stakeholders and this group will interview top firms for final selection.
- 4) Will the selected AE firm, or any of their partner consultant firms, be deemed ineligible to compete for the design of any project arising out of the resulting Arts District Master Plan?
  - a) No, the selected firm will not be precluded from further work on the related project(s)
- 5) How does Ohio State University define a planning professional? Does a planning professional have to be a Certified Planner?
  - a) While we don't have specific criteria describing a planning professional, we would expect that person to have experience with facility and master planning. Certification is not required, but strongly preferred.
- 6) Can you please verify if only firms with a registered business in the State of Ohio can submit on this opportunity.
  - a) No. It's on the scorecard as more points for firms closest to Ohio State but that acts as a tie breaker if an in-State firm is equally qualified as an out-of-state firm.
- 7) For the Arts District Master Plan RFQ, the brief states that the 'team' will include a cost estimator, but the next sentence refers to a CM who will be contracted separately for cost estimating and phasing expertise. Does our qualifications submission need to include a cost estimator or not?
  - a) The team should have cost estimating expertise but, depending on the team, we may want to supplement that expertise with a CM.