

RFQ Question and Answer List

State of Ohio Standard Forms and Documents

Project Name Alumni Center (New Building) Project Number UCN-16094B
Project Location Calhoun Street, YMCA Site, West Campus

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

1. "Is an MEP or Structural Engineer who may be on the successful Design Architect team and providing Concept Designs for their services thereby prohibited from proposing on a team for the Architect of Record team?"
 - A. No one selected for the first design effort, be they Design Architect or Design Engineer, is prohibited from competing to continue as the AoR or EoR.
2. "I am just confirming that the Design Architect should not partner with an Architect of Record for this RFQ response; is that correct?"
 - A. The current solicitation is for ONLY the Design Architect, and whomever they wish to bring with them for high-level conceptual engineering input on the Schematic Design. The AoR will be hired separately at a later date via a future RFQ.
3. "Is it the University's intention that the MEP and Structural consultants be a national firm outside of Cincinnati? If we were to pursue teaming on the Design Architect RFP and won, would that preclude us from competing on the pending Architect of Record RFQ?"
 - A. We will be looking for design architects that have established relationships with their selected consultants. There must be a synergy between these designers that only comes from experience. These firms are not in any way ineligible to continue on with the project supporting the AoR. Depending on qualifications and performance through SD, the AoR and the DA may in fact be one and the same.
4. "Will the Design Architect be scored on the following criteria: proximity to project site and previous experience with Ohio Capital Improvements process? Is an Ohio license required of both the Design Architect and the Architect of Record?"
 - A. Proximity scoring is required by the State of Ohio. **If your firm is selected**, you will need to register as a business in Ohio and be licensed to practice Architecture in Ohio as well.
5. "We have a couple of questions relating to the parking deck(s) that are part of the scope:
 - Has the program been developed to specifically identify the number of parking spaces required?
 - The request refers to parking decks, are we to assume the University plans to construct more than one?
 - The request refers to open parking decks/event spaces. Can you point us to an example of this that you hope to emulate?"
 - A. Immediately west of the YMCA building on Calhoun Street is a steep embankment, headed off towards College of Law to the west, that we would like to tuck a two- or three-level, all with grade access, parking deck. The top level would align with sidewalk level of Calhoun and would be dressed up to be used as an outdoor event deck. It has a great view of campus and would accommodate large Alumni hospitality events in good weather. Below this level, the open parking garage would be cut into the hillside and accessed from the lower level existing drive to Siddall Hall. Deck would be 60" wide and length would accommodate roughly 100 cars total. South wall of garage would retain Calhoun Street R/W.