

**State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES
FACILITY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
OLYMPIA, WA**

**NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

Submittal Due Date: **July 12th, 2023 prior to 2:00 pm PST**

Design Services Required for Project No. 2022-746: Northrop Building Modernization for Washington Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth (CDHY), 611 Grand Blvd. Vancouver WA 98661

Scope of Work

This Request for Qualifications is for the purpose of selecting an Architect for Design Services for the Northrop Building Modernization Project located at Vancouver, WA. This scope of work includes design services only.

Northrop building is an occupied elementary school for the Washington State School for the Deaf located in Vancouver Washington. It was constructed in 1953 with 25,121 sq ft. and is a cast in place concrete structure. Along with housing an elementary school until 2024, the building also houses a museum, audiology department, Physical Therapy, administrative spaces, and Pre K program. An assessment and pre design were completed in 2023 as part of a Biennium 2023-25 budget request for modernization. The budget request totaled \$12,886,000 with a \$7.9M MACC and \$1.9M consultant services budget. The legislature approved in Biennium 2023-25 design services. The Northrop building is approved for the historic register, design services should anticipate coordination between DAHP and project design team. Design services scope includes redesign of the MEP & HVAC systems, including tying into existing campus ground water sourced heat pump system and design for building automation and controls system. The interior finishes require upgrades that include ADA improvements to the interior restrooms, doorways and exterior access. As well, modernization design should consider hazardous abatement, finishes improvements, ceiling tile replacement, structural seismic upgrades, exterior window system replacement and low voltage fire life safety, lighting and AV systems upgrades. The firm selected for the design services should anticipate selection for added CA services for the anticipated construction budget approval in biennium 2025-27.

Description of Facility

Building was approved for the National Historic Register May 2021. Building Assessment completed August 2022 and a Pre Design completed September 2022. Hazardous Materials assessment was also completed in August 2022. Northrop is currently an active Elementary Deaf School however, in August 2024 the elementary school will move into newly constructed school on campus and Northrop will extend services to include a Pre K program.

The preliminary Maximum Allowable Construction Cost (MACC) for this project is \$7,881,000. This Project is funded for design services in the 2023-25 biennium and pending construction funding anticipated in 2025-2027 biennium.

Project Goals

- *This project provides a unique opportunity to address deaf and hard of hearing youth entering an academic setting, administrative support for academics and furthering the preservation of historical programs for the deaf community within a single building for the purpose of increasing student success, achievement and retention.*
- *Develop an environment that encourages active learning, research and innovation in spaces designed for group work, collaboration and inter-program synergy for the deaf community.*
- *Informal instructional and gathering spaces will promote student-to-faculty and peer-to-peer engagement and support deaf centric teaching practices and promote innovation.*
- *Enable students the opportunity to use the latest learning techniques, tools and available technology in the deaf community.*
- *Providing expanded, up-to-date facilities for reaching young deaf student's programs, that strengthen the client's contribution for meeting existing and future demand.*
- *The center will increase social equity by removing barriers to ADA and bringing learners from multiple programs together as a community.*
- *The building will meet the client's long-term commitment to environmental stewardship.*
- *Building design approach should also address the historical component of the campus through improvements of an existing museum within the building.*

Submitting firms should have a strong background in the innovative design of *specialty education building renovations on an active campus*. Firms should also be well versed in multi-phased State agency construction, the State of Washington capital budget process, planning, life-cycle cost analysis, sustainable design, and the process to achieve LEED Silver or better certification.

Project-Specific Information

Northrop Aerial Photo (Campus Map)

Anticipated Selection Schedule

RFQ Notice Issued	Tuesday June 20th, 2023
Informational Meeting	Wednesday June 27th, 2023 at 10:00 AM PST
Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) Due	See above date and time
Short-listed firms selected and notified	Week of July 17 th , 2023
Interview Period	Week of July 24 th , 2023
Firm(s) Selected and Announced	Week of July 31 st 2023
Agreement(s) Executed	Mid August 2023

Informational Meetings and Site Tours

An informational meeting and site tour will be held **in-person** for this project.

Date/Time	In-Person Meeting
June 27th, 2023 at 10:00 am PST	On site Informational meeting will be held at Washington Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Youth (CDHY) Campus 611 Grand Blvd. Vancouver WA 98661. Check in at reception desk located in Clark Hall.

The Informational Site Tour will be guided by DES representative Glen Gipe. He will meet the teams at the main CDHY entrance of Clark Hall, on the east side of the building where a check in will occur. Please refer to the attached campus map.

Firms who have previously not performed business with the state are encouraged to attend. Any information provided at the Informational Meeting will be posted on our Current Projects webpage (provided above) including a Q&A sheet from the meeting.

For directions for the pre-submittal informational meeting and site visit, please contact the DES project manager at glen.gipe@des.wa.gov.

Addenda to this Notice

It is the responsibility of the interested firms to track and changes to this solicitation. Refer to the DES website any addenda to the published public notice and/or RFQ. (<https://des.wa.gov/services/facilities-leasing/public-works-design-construction/architecture-engineering-design-consultants/current-projects-advertised-consultant-selection>).

Submittal Maximum Page Count and Additional Content

SOQs must not exceed fifteen (15) single sided pages (total) of content using 8½ x 11 size sheets. Provided informational content is not included, the following will not be counted against the maximum page count:

- Title and Back Cover Pages
- Section Dividers/Tabs
- Consultant Selection Contact Form
- Attachment 2 Federal SF330 (Part II only) Form

When 11”x 17” size sheets or fold outs are used, each side will be counted as two 8½ x 11 sheets.

A submitting firm may elect to include any other pertinent data it deems appropriate to address the selection criteria and assist the Selection Committee in evaluating the qualifications. Additional content must remain within the maximum page count.

Submittal Requirements

DES is accepting only electronic submittals. All electronic submittals must be uploaded and received no later than the date and time specified.

Format the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to meet the following requirements. SOQs that do not follow this format may impact final scoring:

- Title Page indicating: (not included in page count)
 - Project No. 2022-746: Northrop Building Modernization
 - CDHY, 611 Grand Blvd. Vancouver WA 98661
 - Name of Firm
 - Date of Submission
- Cover Letter (not included in page count)
- Consultant Selection Contact Form (see description below) (not included in page count)
- Executive Summary

- Qualifications of Key Personnel
- Relevant Experience
- Life Cycle Cost Analysis Experience
- Sustainable Design Experience
- Past Performance
- Diverse Business Inclusion Strategies
- Federal SF330 (Part II only) Form (not included in page count)

The Consultant Selection Contact Form must identify the Designated Point of Contact, contact information, and address the Firm. Form must be situated behind a Title Cover or Cover Letter AND before any table of contents. Consultant Selection Contact Form may be found in the Consultant Selection Documents, located on our Current Advertised Projects for Consultant Selection Page.

Federal form SF330 (Part II only) may be found on our Current Advertised Projects for Consultant Selection Page.

How to submit the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ)

DES has created a secure access point for uploading your SOQ for this project:

<https://wades.app.box.com/f/87d0ac40f73f44eaa3f61795cdc0cec4>

This link will be active until the submittal deadline, at which point the upload access will be removed.

If you have trouble uploading or would like confirmation of your upload, please contact Angeline Butros via email: angeline.butros@des.wa.gov

Failure to submit the SOQ by the specified date and time above will render the SOQ as non-responsive to this notice and rejected by DES for consideration. Failure to adhere to the submittal requirements may also render the SOQ as non-responsive to this notice and rejected by DES for consideration.

Supplemental RFQ Documents

The following forms/instructions are located on the DES Current Advertised Projects for Consultant Selection page in the **RFQ Consultant Selection Documents** section

(<https://des.wa.gov/services/facilities-leasing/public-works-design-construction/architecture-engineering-design-consultants/current-projects-advertised-consultant-selection>):

- Consultant Selection Contact Form
- Federal Form SF330
- Diverse Business Inclusion Plan

Selection Process

The selection process will consist of two phases: Phase 1 SOQ Evaluation and Phase 2 Oral Interviews. The firms submitting qualifications in Phase 1 will be scored and ranked using the Phase 1 evaluation criteria in this RFQ. The most qualified firms (Finalists) will be invited to Phase 2 Oral Interviews. The Finalists will be scored and ranked based on the Phase 2 evaluation criteria. The Finalist with the best Phase 2 rank will be chosen to begin negotiations to provide consultant services for this project. Note, Phase 1 and Phase 2 scores are NOT combined.

Phase 1: SOQ Evaluation (total 100 points)

Each SOQ received and deemed responsive to this notice will be reviewed and evaluated by a selection panel as determined by DES. This panel will review each SOQ for responsiveness and apply the following weighted selected criterion to determine a score for ranking:

Weighted evaluation criterion for the Phase 1

SOQ Evaluation will be used by the selection committee to score each top-rated firm as follows:

<p>Qualifications of Key Personnel Identify specific individuals and sub-consultants for key positions and show interrelationships and reporting hierarchy for your proposed team. Describe how each individual’s professional experiences are relevant and bring value to the project. Provide proposed percentage of time that the Owner intends to assign each individual or sub-firm to the Project.</p>	<p>25 points</p>
<p>Relevant Experience Discuss projects your firm has undertaken of similar scope, size and complexity within the past five to eight years. Describe attributes of past projects that have met goals similar to the Owner’s goals for this project. Identify delivery methods for each project. Provide original project budget and actual completed costs along with current contact information for reference checking.</p>	<p>25 points</p>
<p>Life Cycle Cost Analysis Experience Describe the Proposer’s experience with utilizing the Office of Financial Management’s (OFM) ‘Life Cycle Cost Tool’ (or similar process) for project analysis and decision making during the predesign effort and as design progresses. More information on OFM LCC Model can be located at www.OFM.wa.gov/facilities .</p>	<p>15 points</p>
<p>Sustainable Design Experience This project will achieve a minimum LEED silver certification. Explain the Proposer’s philosophy and approach to sustainable design. Identify examples of strategies the Owner might consider to successfully direct the project to achieve LEED Silver or better certification.</p>	<p>15 points</p>
<p>Past Performance Describe the approach the Proposer might utilize to achieve and maintain Owner’s project scope, schedule and budget. Describe and provide examples of how the proposer successfully developed Owner’s project scope while staying within the proposed budget. Discuss tools and methods for scheduling projects for both design and construction. Show how the interrelationship of successful management of scope, schedule, and budget creates successful projects.</p>	<p>20 points</p>
<p>Diverse Business Inclusion Strategies Describe strategies to increase opportunities for diverse business participation.</p>	<p>Not scored</p>

Based on each score, each SOQ will be ranked and a short-list of top-qualified firms will advance to Phase 2 Selection: Oral Interviews. DES reserves the right to determine the total number of top-qualified firms to advance to Phase 2 Selection.

Phase 2: Oral Interviews (total 100 points)

Top-qualified firms (highest ranked firms) will be invited to participate in Phase 2 of the selection. Oral Interviews on a specified date and time, and will be formatted in two periods:

- Firm Presentation Period (Maximum: 30 Minutes)
- Question and Answer (Q&A) Period (Maximum: 20 minutes)
- Firm Closing Statements (Maximum: 5 Minutes)

A meeting link for accessing the oral interview will be provided to each top-listed firm following completion of Phase 1 Selection.

Weighted evaluation criterion for the Phase 2

Oral Interviews will be used by the selection committee to score each top-rated firm as follows:

Organization: Management Plan Team Member Qualifications Capacity/Production Capabilities	25 points
Project Management: Scope management Budgeting and Cost Control Project Scheduling	20 points
Project Approach: Understanding of this project Challenges & Opportunities	15 points
Experience: Relevant Past Projects (firm) Relevant Past Projects (key team members)	25 points
Life Cycle Cost Analysis Experience	10 points
Sustainable Design and Net Zero Experience	5 points
Diverse Business Inclusion Plan (written submittal)	NOT scored

Additional Considerations for Selection

Diverse Business Inclusion Plan Requirements

This submittal is a Phase 2 mandatory requirement. It is not scored, however, failure to submit will result in a firm being deemed non-responsive.

Each top-ranked firm, including diverse businesses, will be required to submit DES’ Public Works Diverse Business Inclusion Plan form.

A complete Diverse Business Inclusion Plan will be submitted to the DES Project Manager no later than one (1) full business day prior to the scheduled interview date and time.

The Diverse Business Inclusion Plan must demonstrate in detail the specific strategies, approaches, and steps your firm will use in seeking to help meet or exceed the state’s aspirational diverse business participation goals. Achievement of the goals is encouraged.

Aspirational Goals

The Governor’s Office’s aspirational goals for diverse business inclusion are:

10% Minority Owned Business certified by the Washington State Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises

6%, Women Owned Business certified by the Washington State Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprises

5% Veteran Owned Business certified by the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs

5% Washington Small Businesses self-identified in the Washington Electronic Business Solution <https://www.des.wa.gov/services/contracting-purchasing/doing-business-state/webs-registration-search-tips> (WEBS).

Following final selection, the successful firm and its subconsultants must register and create an account with the DES Diversity Compliance program (B2Gnow). B2Gnow is designed to streamline and automate reporting requirements.

Firms may contact the following resources to obtain information on certified and registered diverse business firms for the inclusion of potential diverse business subconsultants:

- The Office of Minority and Women’s Business Enterprises: 866.208.1064 or 360.664.9750 or www.omwbe.wa.gov,
- For small business information: Charles Wilson, Public Works Business Diversity Program Manager at the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services: 360.407.8455 or 360.999.7667 or charles.wilson@des.wa.gov
- The Department of Veterans’ Affairs: 360.725.2169 or 360.725.2200 or www.dva.wa.gov

Evaluation and Scoring Considerations

In evaluating each of the criteria, the Selection Committee will identify significant and minor strengths and weaknesses from the submissions. The Selection Committee will then use the following guidelines to evaluate the submissions for each Selection Criterion, based on the weighting assigned in the RFQ and any addenda. After initial scoring, the selection team will come to a consensus ranking of the Firms.

1. Definition of “strength” and “weakness”:

- a. The term “strength” ultimately represents a benefit to the Project and is expected to increase the Firm’s ability to meet or exceed the Project Goals. A minor strength has a slight positive influence and a significant strength has a considerable positive influence on the Firm’s ability to exceed the Project Goals.
- b. The term “weakness” detracts from the Firm’s ability to meet the Project Goals and may result in inefficient or ineffective performance. A minor weakness has a slight negative influence and a significant weakness has a considerable negative influence on the Firm’s ability to exceed the Project Goals.

2. Scoring:

- a. **Excellent** (81-100 percent of points available): The Evaluative Criteria demonstrates an approach that is considered to exceed the Project Goals and the RFQ requirements and provide a consistently outstanding level of quality. ***To be considered Excellent, it must be determined to have significant strengths and/or a number of minor strengths and few or no appreciable weaknesses.***
- b. **Good** (61-80 percent of available points): The Evaluative Criteria demonstrates an approach that is considered to meet the RFQ in a beneficial way (providing advantages, benefits, or added value to the Project) and offers quality. ***To be considered Good, it must be determined to have strengths and few, if any, significant weaknesses. Minor weaknesses are offset by strengths.***
- c. **Fair** (41-60 percent of available points): The Evaluative Criteria demonstrates an approach that contains minor and/or significant weaknesses and limited appreciable strengths.
- d. **Deficient** (0-40 percent of available points): The Evaluative Criteria demonstrates an approach that contains significant weaknesses and no appreciable strengths.
- e. **Non-Responsive:** Does not meet the Minimum Qualifications required for evaluation. In addition, the Owner, at its sole discretion, may reject any Evaluative Criteria deemed non-responsive to any of the requirements.

Other Information

The successful most-highly qualified firm will be expected to enter upon DES' standard Engineering and Architectural Services Agreement. Level of effort and relative fees will be negotiated following selection of the most-highly qualified firm.

The state reserves the right to continue with the consultant selected or has the option to conduct a new consultant selection process for future services for this project beyond those services advertised above.

The state also reserves the right to terminate negotiations with the successful most-highly qualified firm if mutual agreement is unachievable. The state may at its discretion enter into negotiations with the next highly qualified firm determined as a result of this selection process; or conduct a new selection process for the procurement of services necessary to complete this project.

All firms responding to this solicitation are encouraged to register in Washington's Electronic Business Solution Application (WEBS) at: <https://fortress.wa.gov/ga/webs/>

All Statements of Qualifications and submittals shall become property of the State of Washington and are subject to public disclosure, at the conclusion of the selection process, according to the provisions of RCW 42.56 Public Records Act.

For more information concerning this notice, please contact Angeline Butros at 360-480-1071 or via email at: angeline.butros@des.wa.gov.

For questions specific to the project, please contact the Project Manager, Glen Gipe, 360-701-7429, Glen.Gipe@des.wa.gov.

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