

Informational Meeting Questions & Answers

Project: 2023-2025 Statewide On-Calls
Location: Statewide, State of Washington
Date/Time: Thursday March 9, 2023 at 10:00am and 11:00 am via Zoom
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1. Is it possible to find out who was previously awarded these contracts?

A: The following link will take you to all of the SOQS from selected firms + scoresheets, organized by discipline for the 2021-2023 On-Call process:

<https://wades.box.com/s/g3rmdyjnocoxwcj10k63vn8iw9ceuzn>

2. If we have offices in eastern and western Washington, what would be the best way to highlight those capabilities?

A: Please use the “On-Call Consultant Selection Form”, listed with the RFQ to indicate all your office locations. You can find the form here: <https://des.wa.gov/services/facilities-and-leasing-management/architecture-engineering-design-consultants/current-projects-advertised-consultant-selection>

3. Is it preferred to have an office in Eastern Washington?

A: This on-call selection will contract with A/E firms that provide services statewide and the Eastern WA region. At least one firm per discipline (except for the 23-801 Architects) with offices in Eastern WA will be selected.

4. For multi-disciplinary firms, is there a possibility of applying to multiple disciplines and being selected for multiple disciplines?

A: Yes, a firm can be selected for multiple disciplines. Please submit separately for each discipline you would like to be considered for.

5. Is there a list of your client agencies?

A: You can find a list of EAS Clients on our Project Manager Page:

<https://des.wa.gov/services/facilities-and-leasing-management/state-agencies-and-educational-facilities/contact-my-project-manager>

6. Do you need to have an on-call contract for the individual discipline to participate in an architectural work order?

A: No. The on-call Architecture firms may select firms that are best suited for the project whether or not on that firm is on the on-call list.

7. How are VE and CR requirements being met on 1) GCCM projects, and 2) DB projects? There has been ambiguity about how the requirements are being met on some recent GCCM and DB projects

A: For Design Build & Progressive Design Build, Value Engineering and Constructability Review are integral to the DB/PDB process. We do not engage outside consultants in this process.

With GCCM, Value Engineering is also handled within the project with intense scope and budget reconciliation at (minimally) each design phase. Constructability review is an inherent piece of the GCCM process. The GCCM is responsible for continuous constructability review during the entire design process and assumes the risk for accurate coordination.

8. Should we include sub-consultants in our submittal?

A: The consultant selection board is seeking the qualifications of the team that will be providing the on-call services. If sub-consultants are integral to that team, they should be included.

9. Do you utilize Interior Design services, including FF&E packages and workplace design?

A: We occasionally use limited ID services for FF&E packages. This is more likely to be associated with major projects but does sometimes occur with “on call” remodel projects.

10. How does the "Qualifications of Key Personnel" in Phase 1 differ from the "Team Member Qualifications" in Phase 2? How does the "General Project Approach" in Phase 1 differ from the "Project Approach to On-Call" in Phase 2?

A: It is expected that firms will present similar information about team members and project approach in both phases. Phase 1 may involve a large number of firms, where phase 2 is an opportunity for the short listed teams to present a more detailed information to the panel. Please note that the panel members are primarily interested in the team members who will be interacting directly with our clients.

11. Is King County's Small Contractor & Supplier (SCS) Certification recognized under the SBE umbrella?

A: The state relies on OMWBE and WEBS for certifications.

12. Can you tell us what projects are coming up that you do know?

A: There may be specific projects identified in the SBCTC budget, but it is expected that the types of projects will be similar to those of past biennium.

13. Can individual community colleges hire a firm for a PRR directly instead of through this contract?

A: This requires a separate selection process. If there are firms available through On Call who have this expertise, that is more convenient for our clients.

14. Can state universities use this contract for projects?

A: The universities have legislative authority to operate their own internal facilities division and selection process and do not typically utilize DES services. There have been exceptions to this but they are rare.

15. Can you talk more about the DSHS projects based on past project examples or if there are specific projects you know of?

A: Many of DSHS projects using on-call consultants are for interior renovations, building envelope repairs, fire alarm upgrades, and patient safety improvements (installing anti ligature fixtures).

16. Do you ever work with healthcare services?

A: Some of the agencies (DSHS, and DVA) operate care facilities that overlap with healthcare services and many colleges have medical training programs but DES does not specifically work with hospitals, or clinics.

17. Do the PRR's preclude the architect from pursuing the actual project?

A: There is no restriction for firms that develop a PRR. DES has a policy that restricts firms who develop a Predesign for a Design Build delivery project from submitting for that project within 6 months of the predesign service completion. This policy is currently under review.

18. What is the outlook for VR, CR and Cx work in the next biennium - more, less or the same dollar-wise?

A: Until the final capital budget is approved we really don't know. Based on the Governor's released budget, we would expect a similar workload as the 21-23 biennium.

19. Do inclusion strategies/goals get counted toward the page count limit?

A: For the On-Call Selection, a full Diverse Business Inclusion Plan is not required, so Yes, it would be included. That makes it important to be concise, clear, and to the point. Make every word count.

20. Will the Clean Building Bill impact or opportunity on Cx?

A: Until the final Bill is passed we won't know for sure. There is a good chance that Cx activities may assist in meeting (proposed) requirements.

21. Can you explain SF330 requirements?

A: SF330 part 1 is optional and would be included in the page count. SF330 part 2 is required and is NOT included in the page count.

22. Regarding Value Engineering + Constructability Review, how would the panel prefer to see team members listed in the SOQ ?

A: What the panel will be looking for, is do you have an internal team that does VE and another that does CR or does everyone do both; and how do you determine or put together a VE and/or CR team for a project.

23. Do you have any information regarding Opportunities relative to federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)?

A: To be determined. We have not received any guidance yet.

24. Based on the requirements of having firms located in Eastern Washington, will WA State accept Coeur d'Alene, ID as an eastern location? Do remote offices in Eastern Washington count?

A: Yes, to both questions.

25. Are the max labor rates going to remain at \$200 for principal and \$150 for technical?

A: Yes, these rates are set by the Office of Financial Management and DES cannot adjust them.

26. Can we see the full list of panel members per discipline?

801 Architectural	808 Structural
Byrne, Tim	Hruska, David
Cahill, Jessica	Honles, Tom
Wendleken, Gary	Willyerd, Bob
Agustin, Rogie	809 Survey
Urena, Rafael	Semenova, Yelena
Baker, Gabe	Yi, Kathy
Tyson, Michael	Fossum, Robert
802 Electrical	810 Geotechnical
Fiedler, Paul	Martin, Jonathan
Lara, Eric	Sloan, Tyler
Kim, Young	Abkemeier, Nathan
803 Testing	811 Building Envelope and Roofing
Gipe, Glen	Head, David
Simpson, Stacy	Ahmed, Essa
Fiess, Justin	Holien, Cory
804 Value Engineering	813 Commissioning
Jain, Indra	Bolinger, Steve
Gilbert, Suzanne	Miller, Gloria
Orenstein, Jeremy	Griffin, Steve
805 Civil	814 Architectural Eastside
Barber, Kevin	Gonzalez, Jeff
Abbott, Jon	Downing, Barbie
Hinkson, David	Breaux, Celeste
806 Mechanical	Lee, Phillip
Heglund, Dean	Hickman, David
Kearney, Laurie	815 Design Build and GCCM Audit
Koloushani, Siamak	Thomas, Brian
807 Hazmat	Martin, Sean
Lester, Eric	Francois, Jason
Rodside, Gar	Bott, Colin
McCormick, Lea	Keller, Kristine