

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

**NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

Submittal Due Date: **November 5th, 2024 prior to 2:00 PM PT**

Pre-Design Services Required for Project No. 2023-314: WCCW Women's Elder Care Unit for, Department of Corrections, Washington Corrections Center for Women (WCCW) in Gig Harbor.

Description of Facility

WCCW is a mixed custody prison located in Gig Harbor Washington. The prison opened in 1971 and is the largest Women's prison in the state. The project will allow for a specialized living quarters to address medical needs of incarcerated individuals residing at the facility.

Scope of Work

This Request for Qualifications is for the purpose of selecting an Architect for Pre-design Services for the WCCW Women's Elder Care Unit located in Gig Harbor, WA. This scope of work includes predesign services and if funded full design services which include SD, DD, CD, bidding, construction administration and closeout.

There are currently 45 women at WCCW that require special medical provisions and care. This makes up 8% of the population. In May 2023, MSGS Architecture completed a feasibility study to convert Building F - a cold closed dormitory into an elder care facility. The study concludes that building F is well constructed with poured concrete walls on both the exterior and interior as well as the floor and roof structure. A 1,500 square feet addition to the building is being proposed in a space available between the building and perimeter fence, to accommodate more individuals.

The preliminary Maximum Allowable Construction Cost (MACC) for this project is \$7,000,000. This Project is pending funding for Pre-Design Services only in the 2023-2025 biennium with design and construction funding anticipated in 2025-2027 biennium.

Project Goals

- *This project provides the Women's Prison a place to care for our special needs population and that allows us to meet their daily medical needs in a more comprehensive way.*
- *Providing expanded, up-to-date living quarters for a population that will require we meet ADA compliance.*
- *Increase staff retention by providing appropriate spaces for medical activities, such as exam rooms, physical therapy spaces, medicine distribution, and storage of medical devices.*

Submitting firms should have a strong background with innovative design and the consultant should have knowledge in designing medical facilities and secured facilities. 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

MSGs Feasibility Study

Anticipated Selection Schedule

RFQ Notice Issued	October 10, 2024
Informational Meeting	October 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM PT
Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) Due	See above date and time
Short-listed firms selected and notified	Week of November 11, 2024
Interview Period	Week of November 18, 2024
Firm(s) Selected and Announced	Week of December 2, 2024
Agreement(s) Executed	December 2024

Informational Meetings and Site Tours

An informational meeting and site tour will be held “**Virtually**” for this project.

Date/Time	Virtual Meeting Location
October 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM PT	<p>Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 216 995 844 908 Passcode: gXSpqh</p> <hr/> <p>Dial in by phone +1 564-999-2000,,17739612# United States, Olympia (833) 322-1218,,17739612# United States (Toll-free) Find a local number Phone conference ID: 177 396 12# For organizers: Meeting options Reset dial-in PIN</p>

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 jessica.cahill@doc1.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 twenty-five (25) 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. 2023-314: WCCW Women's Elder Care Unit**
 - Department of Corrections,
 - 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
- Past Performance
- Life Cycle Cost Analysis Experience
- Diverse Business Inclusion Strategies
- Federal SF330 Form (Part II only) for Prime and key Subconsultants (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/1d3be635720a423992010899fb3e33cd>.

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 Ryan Grimes via email: ryan.grimes@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</p> <p>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>30 points</p>
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<p>Relevant Experience</p> <p>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>	30 points
<p>Past Performance</p> <p>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>	30 points
<p>Life Cycle Cost Analysis Experience</p> <p>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>	10 points
<p>Diverse Business Inclusion Strategies</p> <p>Describe strategies to increase opportunities for diverse business participation.</p>	Not scored

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 three periods:

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

Remote Interview (Video Teleconference) Considerations:

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	20 points
Experience: Relevant Past Projects (firm) Relevant Past Projects (key team members)	25 points
Life Cycle Cost Analysis Experience	10 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 which follow the [State of Washington Conditions of the Agreement](#). Level of effort and relative fees will be negotiated using the **OFM Guidelines for Determining Architect/Engineer Fees for Public Works Building Projects** 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 questions specific to the project, please contact the Project Manager, Jessica Cahill, 564.669.3838, jessica.cahill@doc1.wa.gov.

For more information concerning this notice, please contact Ryan Grimes at 360.819.6937 or via email at: ryan.grimes@des.wa.gov.

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