

State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES
ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES
OLYMPIA, WA

NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Submittal Date: **December 4, 2019**

SERVICES REQUIRED for Project No. 2020-238; **Child Care Center, Skagit Valley College, Mount Vernon, Washington.**

Scope of Work

Skagit Valley College identified a Child Care Center as a priority in 2013.

College-owned property adjacent to the Mount Vernon campus has been identified for this project. The 0.42 acre property located at 2011 N Laventure RD currently houses two abandoned structures that will be demolished to provide space for a 4,000 – 4,750 sf Child Care Center including outside play area, landscaping, parking lot and related signage.

The scope of work includes planning, architectural design, engineering and construction administration services. The budget is approximately \$3,000,000 and is being funded via a combination of sources including a federal Head Start grant of 1.5 million, a Department of Commerce grant for \$800,000 with the remainder from local donations to Skagit Valley College.

Project Goals:

- Provide affordable and accessible child care services to underserved student populations in Skagit and Island counties.
- Create flexible spaces to reflect current and future program requirements.
- Develop an environment that encourages active learning and collaboration.
- Create an environment which highlights Early Care and Education putting them on display for the Campus as well as the local community.

Submitting firms should have a strong background in multi-phased State agency construction, the State of Washington capital budget process, planning, sustainable design, reporting requirements for federal and state grant funded projects and innovative design of child care facilities and early learning environments.

There will be an **Informational Meeting** for this request on:
November 22, 2019 at 11:00am
Skagit Valley College
2405 E. College Way, Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Norwood Cole Library, Conference Room S101
Kevin Barber, E&AS Project Manager, 360-628-6417
Tim Wheeler, Director, Facilities and Operations, SVC, 360-416-7751

Selection Criteria

Firms will be selected in a two-phase process: Phase 1 - short listing firms based on submitted information and Phase 2 - oral presentations, interviews, and Diverse Business Inclusion Plans of short listed firms.

Firms will be considered for interviews based upon the following weighted criteria, as well as submittal requirements, as indicated, for a total of 400 possible points:

Qualifications of Key Personnel	100 points
Relevant Experience	100 points
Previous Performance	100 points
Project Approach	100 points

Evaluation and Scoring

In evaluating each of the criteria, the Selection Panel will identify significant and minor strengths and weaknesses from the submissions. The Selection Panel 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.

Diverse Business Inclusion

Phase 2 Submittal Requirements (mandatory requirement, Not Scored):

All shortlisted Firms, including diverse-owned firms, will be required to submit a Diverse Business Inclusion Plan. The Inclusion Plan should 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.

https://www.des.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/documents/Facilities/EAS/DiverseBusinessInclusionPlan_2019.pdf

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).

The selected consultant and all subconsultants are required to register and create an account with the DES Diversity Compliance program (B2Gnow). B2Gnow is designed to streamline and automate reporting requirements.

Consultants may contact the following resources to obtain information on certified and registered diverse business firms for potential sub-consultants:

- 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 or <https://www.dva.wa.gov/program/certified-veteran-and-servicemember-owned-businesses>

Submittal Requirements

Submit two (2) electronic copies of the Statement of Qualifications on USB flash drives, with the project number and title clearly identified on the exterior of the flash drive. The Statements of Qualifications submittals should include:

- Executive Summary
- Federal form SF330 (Part II only)
<http://www.des.wa.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/Facilities/EAS/EAS330AEQual.doc>
- Any other pertinent data to address the selection criteria and assist the Selection Panel in evaluating your qualifications. Also, refer to the Diverse Business Inclusion section below.
- No more than twenty (20) total pages of content at 8 ½ X 11 size sheets
 - Covers, dividers, SF330, and tab sheets are not included in page count total.
 - Note, 11”x 17” fold outs can be included, but counted as two sheets.

To qualify for review, submittals must be delivered to the following address:

Attention: Amanda Witt
Department of Enterprise Services
Engineering & Architectural Services
1500 Jefferson, Olympia, WA 98501 (hand delivered or courier)
P. O. Box 41476, Olympia, Washington, 98504-1476 (Mailed)

Refer to the DES website for amendments 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>). It is the responsibility of the interested firms to track and obtain amendments.

All submittals must be received no later than December 4, 2019, prior to 2:00 PM, (as per date/time stamped by E&AS.)

For selection process questions please contact Amanda Witt, 360.407.8028, Amanda.Witt@des.wa.gov.

For project questions please contact the Project Manager, Kevin Barber, 360-628-6417 kevin.barber@des.wa.gov

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Next Steps

Following the Phase 1 evaluation of these submittals, the consultant Selection Panel will interview top ranked short-listed firms deemed to be the most highly qualified for the required service. The ranking is based on the Selection Panel’s consensus evaluation.

The Phase 2 interview criteria will be provided to the short-listed firms. The top ranking Phase 2 firm will be selected.

Phase 2 Interviews will be scheduled for the week of **December 16, 2019** at **Skagit Valley College**.

Firms will be notified of the selection results no later than December 20, 2019.

Other Information

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 beyond those services advertised above.

The Agreements for Consultant services will be the standard Engineering and Architectural Services Agreement and fees will be negotiated when applicable, on a current Architectural/Engineering Fee Schedule for Washington State Public Works Building Projects.

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

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All submittals become the property of the State and are subject to public disclosure.