NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES
Matador Success and Inclusion Center, Project Number PW2320
California State University, Northridge
18111 Nordhoff Street
Northridge, CA 91330-8219

The Trustees of The California State University are requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from interested and qualified Design-Build Entities (Respondents) to participate in a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) Process to provide design and construction services for the above-named Project. The Trustees will select a Design-Build Entity (a General Contractor/Construction Manager partnered with an Architect/Engineering team) using a two-step process: (1) this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from which Respondents may submit SOQ to the Trustees, and (2) the Request for Proposals (RFP) which the Trustees will issue to the shortlisted firms. A technical review committee shall review the respondents’ SOQs and, based on the criteria identified in the RFQ, the committee shall select no more than three finalists to receive the Request for Proposals.

The Matador Success and Inclusion Center (MSIC) is a new campus building dedicated to housing the Identity Based Resource Centers, the Ethnic Studies Center for Research, Activism, and Community Empowerment (ES for RACE), the Community High Impact Programs (CHIP) group, the Matador Achievement Center (MAC), and the Athletics Administration offices. The facility will be a new stand-alone, approximately 40,000 Gross Square Feet (GSF) building. It will be situated at the northeast corner of Lindley Avenue and Vincennes Street by Redwood Hall. Site work, utilities, and accompanying improvements are additionally required.

The MSIC project seeks to create a place that focuses on the student experience, creates a culture of care and acknowledges underrepresented students and their intersecting identities. The building itself should capitalize on the potential synergies between entities and create spaces that allow the centers to create this community.

Completion for the project is expected in July 2027.

The new building will become the property of the Trustees of the California State University (“Trustees”), who will approve the schematic design. The Trustees will finance the project, select the design-build team through the RFQ/RFP process, and oversee design and construction. The contract will be administered through Facilities Planning, Design and Construction (FPDC) at the California State University, Northridge campus. The Trustees are responsible for the requisite environmental documentation.

The preliminary anticipated design-build maximum acceptance cost for the MSIC is $50,845,230. The final design-build maximum acceptance cost for the project will be published in the RFP.

RFQ Respondents Pre-Submittal Conference (OPTIONAL)
3:00 PM Wednesday, December 13, 2023

SOQ Submittal Due Date and Time: January 25, 2024 by 3:00 PM
Contractor License Requirement: B
Short List Published: March 1, 2024
RFP Distributed to Short List: April 18, 2024
RFP Pre-Submittal Conference: April 24, 2014

CSU Point of Contact for Information: Jenni Cox, 818-677-6567, jenni.cox@csun.edu
To search for and view this project advertisement, Respondents shall register and log in on the “California State Contracts Register” (CSCR) at https://www.caleprocure.ca.gov. If Respondent experiences problems viewing this website, contact the CSU point of contact named above for assistance.

RFQ documents will be available on or after December 5, 2023. Respondents shall first register as a vendor on the “PlanetBids Public Solicitation Portal” website http://psp.planetbids.com/g/81563/. The Respondent must then email Jenni Cox, jenni.cox@csun.edu, to obtain the download link to download the RFQ. Respondents not registered in PlanetBids will NOT be sent a download link for the RFQ. If Respondent experiences problems with this website, contact the CSU point of contact named above for assistance.

Respondents must be prequalified with the Trustees. To do so, submit the prequalification applications no less than ten business days prior to SOQ submittal due date. Respondents shall go to the following PlanetBids website to register, log in and then select the Prequalification tab to apply.


Direct any prequalification questions to the Trustees’ Prequalification Administrator at cocm.prequal@calstate.edu.

The Trustees shall give a small business a bid advantage of five percent to contracting firms that have been certified as a “Small Business” by the Department of General Services, Office of Small Business and DVBE Services, in accordance with Contract General Conditions (and Supplementary General Conditions) for Design-Build Major Projects, Small Business Five Percent Bid Advantage.

Additionally, the Trustees require three percent Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) participation in all contracts, in accordance with Contract General Conditions (and Supplementary General Conditions) for Design-Build Major Projects, DVBE Incentive. DVBE Participation (Incentive), 3.00% to 3.99% (None), 4.00% to 4.99% (1% incentive), 5.00% to 5.99% (2% incentive), 6% or more (3% incentive). When it nears time to bid trades, the selected construction manager shall contact the Trustees’ DVBE Coordinator Jenni Cox, 818-677-6567, jenni.cox@csun.edu.

Respondents shall be familiar with all of the provisions in the Contract General Conditions and Supplementary General Conditions, especially the insurance requirements for the CSU Builders Risk Insurance Program (BRIP) and for the CSU Owner-Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP). This Project will be enrolled into the BRIP, and may review BRIP documents online at https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/doing-business-with-the-csu/capital-planning-design-construction/operations-center/Pages/construction-insurance-programs.aspx. This project may also be enrolled into the OCIP, if so specified in the General Conditions. Respondents may review OCIP documents online at https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/doing-business-with-the-csu/capital-planning-design-construction/operations-center/Pages/construction-insurance-programs.aspx.

This Project is a public works project and is subject to prevailing wage rate laws (Contract General Conditions). All Respondents/Proposers and all tiers of subcontractors who will work on this Project shall register with the Dept. of Industrial Relations (DIR) to bid and work on public works projects, and maintain current this registration per Labor Code section 1725.5. For more information, go to http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html.

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