



**Procurement
Operations**

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

for

System Architect Services

Project No. 09-06

HOUSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

January 26 , 2009

Subject: Request for Qualifications for (RFQ) System Architect Services
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Houston Community College (HCC) is seeking the professional services of a qualified firm or firms to serve as System Architect for providing architectural and engineering services on an "as required" basis for a period of three (3) years with an additional one (1) year renewal option period. Projects, while there will be no limit on size; will generally involve repairs, alterations, and improvements in connection with existing buildings or properties. The selected firm will primarily provide project oversight of other HCC architectural project(s), provide design, construction administration, and estimating services, and may also be required to provide scope developments, planning, interior design, technical studies, feasibility studies, problem analysis, design review, building evaluation reports, and other architectural, engineering and technical services. One of the principle services will be to provide an analysis of architectural products and proposals submitted to architectural firms and professionals for single buildings, renovations, or campus projects. A second primary service will be to assist HCC with quality control for all architectural and construction projects. It is also the intent of HCC to solicit individual requests for qualifications for individual projects, independent of the selected System Architect.

The position of system architect will require frequent involvement in HCC projects by a principal or a senior level representative of the firm.

Interested firms shall submit original and **four (4)** copies of their statement of qualifications to the address shown below no later than **February 12, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.** (local time).

**Houston Community College
Procurement Operations
3100 Main Street (11th Floor)
Houston, Texas 77002
Reference Project No. 09-06, System Architect Services
Attn: Director, Procurement Operations**

Statement of Qualifications must indicate how the firm's qualifications and the qualifications of the project team meet the requirements of this project. It is requested that you limit your expression of qualifications to ten (10) typewritten pages, excluding the Standard Form 254, Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire. Statement of Qualifications should take the form of a bound 8-1/2 inch by 11 inch report with a table of contents and all pages numbered in sequence. Binding must allow reports to lay flat when open.

Selection of the most highly qualified firm(s) will be made on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services.

Selection of the most qualified firm will be made on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services. An Evaluation Committee will review statements of qualifications submitted in response to this solicitation. Evaluation factors for the selection of the firm are as follows:

- **Experience** (30%) if the firm with regard to demonstrated experience in providing the types of services described herein especially for educational institutions, and preferably those of higher education, and with regard to accomplishment of past projects involving repair and alteration work;
- **Technical Ability** (30%) as it relates to professional qualifications, expertise and educational level of individuals employed by the firm, who will be directly involved in providing the required services as described herein, and their philosophy concerning the design of repair and alteration work.
- **Management/Organization/Production/Quality Control** (40%) regarding capability and successful past performance of the firm with respect to mobilizing, producing high quality designs, maintaining good working relations, working with small repair and alteration projects, meeting schedules, providing accurate cost estimates, tracking and controlling costs, and successful monitoring of construction processes.
- **Quality and Cost Containment** (10%) related to the proven history of recognizing and adhering to clients approved standards for building and infrastructure and demonstrated ability to bring projects in on time and within the budget.

Firms, when responding to the request for qualifications, should state their capabilities with regard to each of the individual factors listed above and attach with their submittal a completed Standard Form (SF) 254, Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire. A short-list of the top rated firms may be invited for interviews solely on their written responses to this request for qualifications. Final selection will occur upon completion of the interview process, if any. All firms must show evidence of liability insurance for errors and omissions or provide the parameters by which they must obtain project specific insurance.

Consideration for this project will be limited to firms or joint ventures having an active design production office in operation within forty-five (45) miles radius of downtown Houston, Texas.

All firms must show evidence of liability insurance for errors and omissions or provide the parameters by which they must obtain project specific insurance.

Small Business Development Program (SBDP)

- a. HCC has adopted a Small Business Development Program for small businesses attempting to provide goods and/or services as prime contractors or as subcontractors to other prime contractors to HCC. The program is designed to prevent discrimination by ensuring that small, underutilized and disadvantaged businesses are informed and prepared to compete for HCC procurements. HCC will neither discriminate nor select vendors on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age or disability in its procurement selection process.
- b. Small businesses whose gross annual income averaged over the past three (3) years does not exceed the Small Business Administration's size standard as specified in 13 CFR Part 121 are eligible to apply for participation in the program.
- c. For this solicitation, HCC has established Best Effort as its goal for Small Business participation.
- d. Good Faith Efforts- HCC will make a good faith effort to utilize small businesses in all contracts. The annual program goals may be met by contracting directly with small businesses or indirectly through subcontracting opportunities. Therefore, any business that contracts with HCC will be required to make a good faith effort to award subcontracts to small businesses. The subcontracting goal applies to all vendors regardless of their status. By implementing the following procedures, a contractor shall be presumed to have made a good faith effort:
 - e. To the extent consistent with industry practices, divide the contract work into reasonable lots.
 - f. Give notice to SBDP eligible firms of subcontract opportunities or post notices of such opportunities in newspapers and other circulars.
 - g. Document reasons for rejecting a firm that bids on subcontracting opportunities.
- To the extent required by the solicitation, the contract shall require the selected contractor to agree to attain small business participation goal or target set forth in the solicitation.

Questions concerning this project must be submitted, in writing, to:

- Houston Community College System
Procurement Operations
Attn: Director, Procurement Operations
3100 Main Street (11th Floor)
Houston, Texas 77002
Reference: Project No. 09-06, System Architect Services

Except as provided in exceptions below, the following communications regarding this solicitation or any other invitation for bids, requests for proposal, requests for qualifications, or other solicitation are prohibited:

- [1] Between a potential vendor, subcontractor to vendor, service provider, proposer, offeror, lobbyist or consultant and any Trustee;
- [2] Between any Trustee and any member of a selection or evaluation committee; and
- [3] Between any Trustee and administrator or employee.

The communications prohibition shall be imposed on the date that responses to the solicitation are due or received, whichever is first.

The communications prohibition shall terminate when:

- [1] The contract is awarded by the Chancellor or designee; or
- [2] The award recommendations are considered by the Board at a duly-noticed public meeting.

In the event the Board refers the recommendation back to staff for reconsideration, the communication prohibition shall be re-imposed.

The communications prohibition shall not apply to the following:

- [1] Duly noted pre-bid or pre-proposal conferences.
- [2] Communications with the HCC General Counsel.
- [3] Emergency contracts.
- [4] Presentations made to the Board during any duly-noticed public meeting.
- [5] Unless otherwise prohibited in the solicitation documents, any written communications between any parties, provided that the originator shall immediately file a copy of any written communication with the Board Services Office. The Board Services Office shall make copies available to any person upon request.
- [6] Nothing contained herein shall prohibit any person or entity from publicly addressing the Board during any duly-noticed public meeting, in accordance with applicable Board policies, regarding action on the contract.

Any potential vendor, subcontractor vendor, service provider, bidder, offeror, lobbyist or consultant who engages or attempts to engage in prohibited communications shall not be eligible for the award of any resulting contract under this solicitation. Any other direct or indirect actions taken to unduly influence competitive purposes, to circumvent equal consideration for competitive bidders, or to disregard ethical and legal trade practices will disqualify bidders, vendors, service providers, lobbyist, consultants, and contractors from both this current and any future consideration for participation in HCC orders and contracts.

Scope of Services
For
System Architect Services

The System Architect will generally perform the following functions on behalf of Houston Community College (HCC) on an "as needed" basis:

- Provide design, construction administration, estimating services, scope development, planning, interior design, technical studies, feasibility studies, problem analysis, design reviews, building evaluation reports, and other architectural, engineering and technical services, on an "as needed" basis.

- Assist HCC in developing a maintenance and operation program for its facilities, which includes maintenance and operating budgeting, scope preparation, scheduling, and oversight.

- Assist HCC in implementing an ongoing program of life safety corrections to ensure adherence to current code requirements.

- Develop construction design standards for HCC programs, which may include space allocation, fixed equipment, finish schemes, quality standards, and square footage allocation for amenities.

- Provide support in structuring bond elections, attendance and reporting at committee and Board meetings, helping HCC reduce costs in facility related matters.

ATTACHMENT NO. 1

ASSURANCE OF SBDP GOAL

The undersigned certifies that he/she has read, understands and agrees to be bound by the small business provisions set forth in this Solicitation. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is legally authorized to make the statements and representations in the Solicitation and that said statements and representations are true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. The undersigned will enter into formal agreement(s) for work identified on the **CONTRACTOR AND FIRST TIER SUBCONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION** form conditioned upon execution of a contract with HCC. The undersigned agrees to attain the small business utilization percentages of the total offer amount as set forth below:

Small Business Participation Goal = BEST EFFORT

The undersigned certifies that the firm shown below has not discriminated against any small business or other potential subcontractor because of race, color, religion, gender, age, veteran's status, disability or national origin, but has provided full and equal opportunity to all potential subcontractors irrespective of race, color, religion, gender, age, disability, national origin or veteran status.

The undersigned understands that if any of the statements and representations are made knowing them to be false or there is a failure to implement any of the stated commitments set forth herein without prior approval of HCC's Chancellor or the duly authorized representative, the Bidder/Proposer may be subject to the loss of the contract or the termination thereof resulting from this bid and could be ineligible for future HCC contract awards.

Signature _____

Title _____ Date of Signing _____

Firm Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

ATTACHMENT NO. 2

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

The undersigned certifies that he/she will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or in the selection of subcontractors because of race, color, age, religion, gender, national origin or disability. The undersigned shall also take action to ensure that applicants are employed, and treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin or disability. Such action shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other compensation and selection for training, including apprenticeship.

Name/Title: _____
(Type or Print)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Company Name: _____
(Type or Print)

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

ATTACHMENT NO. 3

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Note: Vendors are to complete this form along with a **copy** of the Contractor and First Tier Subcontractor/Supplier Participation Form and return it in a separate envelope to:

**Houston Community College
Procurement Operations/Small Business Representative
Post Office Box 667517
Houston, Texas 77266-7517
Ref: HCC Project No. 09-06**

FIRM NAME: _____

FIRM ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME AND PHONE NO. _____

SIGNATURE OF FIRM'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: _____

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print): _____

COMPANY MAJORITY OWNERSHIP (Check one in each column)

ETHNICITY

GENDER

LOCATION

____ African American (AA)

____ Male

____ Houston (H)

____ Asian Pacific American (APA)

____ Female

____ Texas (T)

____ Caucasian (C)

____ Out of State (O)

____ Hispanic American (HA)

Specify State _____

____ Native American (NA)

____ Public Owned (PO)

____ Other (O) Specify _____

BUSINESS CLASSIFICATION

____ **DBE** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise

____ **SB** Small Business

____ **WBE** Women Owned Business Enterprise

____ **MBE** Minority Business Enterprise

____ **HUB** Historically Underutilized Business

____ Other: _____

Please provide information regarding certifying agency (if any)

Name of Agency

Certificate Number

Expiration Date

ATTACHMENT NO. 4

CERTIFICATION AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

A person or business entity entering into a contract with HCC is required by Texas Law to disclose, in advance of the contract award, if the person or an owner or operator of the business entity has been convicted of a felony. The disclosure should include a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of a felony as provided in section 44.034 of the Texas Education Code. The requested information is being collected in accordance with applicable law. This requirement does not apply to a publicly held corporation.

If an individual:

Have you been convicted of a felony?

YES or NO

If a business entity:

YES or NO

Has any owner of your business entity been convicted of a felony? _____

Has any operator of your business entity been convicted of a felony? _____

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please provide a general description of the conduct resulting in the conviction of the felony, including the Case Number, the applicable dates, the State and County where the conviction occurred, and the sentence.

I attest that I have answered the questions truthfully and to the best of my knowledge.

By: _____ Date: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Business Entity: _____

Signature of Firm's Authorized Official: _____

State of Texas

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____

Texas, this the _____ day of _____, 2009

Notary Public for the State of: _____

ATTACHMENT NO. 5

AFFIDAVIT FORM

This company, contractor, or subcontractor agrees to refrain from discrimination in terms and conditions of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, physical handicap, or national origin, and agrees to take affirmative action as required by Federal Statutes and Rules and Regulations issued pursuant thereto in order to maintain and ensure nondiscriminatory employment practices.

Signed: _____

Name of Company: _____

Address of Company: _____

State of Texas

Sworn to and subscribed before me at _____, _____,
(City) (State)

this the _____ day of _____, 2009.

Notary Public for the State of: _____

ATTACHMENT NO. 6
BUSINESS QUESTIONNAIRE

FIRM NAME: _____

FIRM ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

FAX NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON'S NAME AND PHONE NO. (Type or Print):

SIGNATURE OF FIRM'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: _____

NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print): _____

Do you or any officer, partner, owner, sales representative and/or spouse work for Houston Community College? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please specify: _____

State in which your home office / headquarters is located? _____

If headquarters is located out of state, does that state have preferential treatment on Proposals? _____

If yes, list percentage. _____%

Name of Financial Institution _____ Contact Person _____

Title _____

Please indicate how you became aware of this procurement? Source: _____

Example: Newspapers (Chronicle, El Dia, Voice of Asia, African American News, etc.) Houston Minority Business Council, HCC Website, Chamber of Commerce, etc.)

ATTACHMENT NO. 7

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE For vendor or other person doing business with local governmental entity		FORM CIQ
<p>This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 1491, 80th Leg., Regular Session. This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code by a person who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the person meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).</p> <p>By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the person becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006, Local Government Code.</p> <p>A person commits an offense if the person knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.</p>	OFFICE USE ONLY	
<p>1 Name of person who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.</p>	<p>Date Received</p>	
<p>2 <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire.</p> <p style="font-size: small;">(The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date the originally filed questionnaire becomes incomplete or inaccurate.)</p>		
<p>3 Name of local government officer with whom filer has employment or business relationship.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Name of Officer</p> <p>This section (item 3 including subparts A, B, C & D) must be completed for each officer with whom the filer has an employment or other business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a), Local Government Code. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.</p> <p>A. Is the local government officer named in this section receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the filer of the questionnaire?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>B. Is the filer of the questionnaire receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer named in this section AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>C. Is the filer of this questionnaire employed by a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership of 10 percent or more?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p> <p>D. Describe each employment or business relationship with the local government officer named in this section.</p>		
<p>4</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 100px;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Signature of person doing business with the governmental entity</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-left: 400px;">_____</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">Date</p>		

Adopted 06/29/2007