



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Request for Qualifications – Architects DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The University of Arkansas Fayetteville, in accordance with the policies of the Board of Trustees, is soliciting responses from **qualified architects** for *professional services contracts* (“on-call”) for various renovation projects with estimated costs under \$1 million. Please refer to University of Arkansas Board Policy 740.2 for additional information about on-call contracts. The contracts will be for a one-year base term with possible renewal for three additional years, for a total of four years.

Two firms will be selected.

SELECTION SCHEDULE

<i>Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued</i>	<i>December 11</i>
<i>Statement of Qualification (SOQ) due</i>	<i>January 5, 2021</i>
<i>interviews of shortlisted firms</i>	<i>February 4, 2021</i>
<i>Board of Trustees selection announced</i>	<i>March 18, 2021</i>
<i>contract term begins</i>	<i>July 1, 2021</i>

SUBMISSION

The deadline for responses is 1:00pm local time on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

All respondents will be notified of the results by EMAIL, so please provide accurate contact information.

Address ten (10) copies of responses to: Todd Furgason, Senior Campus Planner
University of Arkansas
Facilities Management
521 S. Razorback Road
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Statements of Qualification will be reviewed by a selection committee using a standardized *Design Services Shortlist Evaluation* form. This form is available for download at <http://planning.uark.edu/rfq>

Format requirements:

Printed responses should be no larger than 8.5in x 11in, limited to **50 sheets maximum (100 pages)**, fully recyclable (i.e. no plastic covers, plastic tabs, etc.) and bound with glue, staples, or thread (i.e. perfect bound, saddle stitching, etc.). No metal or plastic coils allowed. **Responses that do not meet these requirements will be disqualified.**

Please include a digital copy of the response via email to toddf@uark.edu or on a flash drive delivered with the printed booklets.

Content requirements:

Include the information below and organize it in an easily accessible manner. You do not need to divide the response into chapters exactly matching the descriptions below. **Responses that do not include the required licensure information will be disqualified.**

1. Proof of licensure or eligibility:

Architects: All firms shall be licensed, or eligible for licensure, in the State of Arkansas. Eligible firms not currently licensed in Arkansas must send a letter to the Arkansas State Board of Architects (501-682-3171/501-682-3172 fax) stating their intent to respond to an RFQ issued by the University of Arkansas. Please include project name, submittal date, and proof of valid NCARB certification in the letter. Consulting and joint venture firms are also required to be licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Architects. Notification to the State Board must be made PRIOR to responding to this solicitation, and **A COPY OF EITHER A VALID ARKANSAS LICENSE OR THE LETTER OF INTENT TO THE STATE BOARD DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR ALL TEAM MEMBER FIRMS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE RESPONSE.** The final selected firm(s) will have 30 days to make application for corporate licensure after they are awarded the contract.

2. **Recent project experience** (within the past five years) with programming and design of higher education projects of a variety of scales and complexities
3. Current office size, personnel description, and workload
4. Experience constructing projects under nationally-recognized sustainable rating systems
5. Proof of current professional liability insurance coverage (\$1,000,000 minimum required)
6. List of projects currently under contract with state agencies or educational facilities
7. Statement of diversity in the workforce, if applicable
8. Certificate of women-owned or minority-owned business, if applicable

Please include a letter of introduction signed by an officer or principal of the firm with contracting authority, along with that person's email address. This email address will be used by the university for all communication related to shortlist, interviews, and selection.

Professional services required:

PROGRAMMING, FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENTS, GRAPHIC PRESENTATION, SITE PLANNING, INTERIOR DESIGN, COST EVALUATION, SCHEMATIC DESIGN, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION, AND PROJECT CLOSEOUT.