



Request for Qualifications – Landscape Architects SENIOR WALK 2021-2025

The University of Arkansas Fayetteville, in accordance with the policies of the Board of Trustees, is soliciting responses from qualified landscape architects for *Senior Walk 2021-2025*.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Senior Walk tradition was initiated by the class of 1905, and since then the members of each graduating class have had their names engraved in the walk. It is the University of Arkansas's oldest continuing tradition, and early parts of the Senior Walk have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Names were originally handwritten in wet concrete, but this was changed in 1925 when a set of custom, faceted bronze stamps were employed to create a more uniform layout of smaller names. In 1986, in order to address the growing number of names, the university changed the engraving method again, from the labor-intensive stamps to a patented machine that sandblasts names onto the surface specially-prepared concrete through rubber stencils. Sandblasting is the method that continues to be employed today. More than 170,000 graduates are now listed on the Senior Walk.

This project involves the design of five years of Senior Walk. The 2020 walk will soon start construction on Cleveland Street, and this project will pick up and continue along Cleveland, and include the frontages of the four streets surrounding the Maple Hill district. In their current state, the four streets have a varying degree of completeness of design, so the amount of work done along each will vary as well, with the goal of creating a more consistent, campus-like aspect at the university's town-gown edge. This means that the project will address not just the walks, but also curb repair or realignment as needed, driveway reconstruction, landscape planting, pedestrian lighting, and any other required modifications to existing features along the project route. Because of this, teams responding to the RFQ should include a landscape architect, civil engineer, and an electrical engineer at a minimum. Most of the project cost and scope will directly involve the concrete walks themselves, but the design will take place within the larger context of campus placemaking.

The total project cost is currently estimated at \$3.9 million. Landscape architects and consultants will work with Facilities Management to advance campus master planning and design principles. For general campus planning and standards information, visit <http://planning.uark.edu>.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

<i>Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued</i>	<i>August 20</i>
<i>Statement of Qualification (SOQ) due</i>	<i>September 7</i>
<i>interviews of shortlisted firms</i>	<i>September 29</i>

<i>Board of Trustees selection announced</i>	<i>November 18</i>
<i>contract negotiations</i>	<i>November 2021</i>
<i>design starts</i>	<i>December 2021</i>
<i>construction starts</i>	<i>July 2022</i>
<i>project complete</i>	<i>April 2023</i>

SUBMISSION

The deadline for responses is 1:00pm local time on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

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

Address eight (8) copies of responses to: Todd Furgason, Senior Campus Planner
University of Arkansas
Facilities Management Planning and Design
521 S. Razorback Road, FAMA C-100
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 send a digital copy of the response via email to toddf@uark.edu in addition to the printed booklets.

To avoid potential conflicts of interest, respondents should not communicate with university staff or faculty about this project. This document provides the relevant information for assembling a Statement of Qualifications. If you have urgent questions, you can send them via email to toddf@uark.edu.

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:

Landscape Architects: All firms shall be licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers. A COPY OF A VALID ARKANSAS LICENSE MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE SUBMITTAL.

Civil Engineers: All engineers shall hold individual licenses in the State of Arkansas, and all engineering firms shall hold a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) issued by the Arkansas State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors. Joint venture firms are also required to hold a COA. A COPY OF A VALID ARKANSAS CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE SUBMITTAL.

2. Organizational chart for design team and all consultants
3. **Specific project experience** (within the past five years) with creating compelling campus-like landscapes through judicious use of pavement, landscape, fine grading, and lighting
4. **Specific project experience** (within the past five years) with design of high-quality hardscape materials
5. Current office size, personnel description, and workload
6. Proof of current professional liability insurance coverage (\$1,000,000 minimum required)
7. List of projects currently under contract with state agencies or educational facilities
8. Statement of diversity in the workforce, if applicable
9. Certificate of women-owned or minority-owned business, if applicable

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED

GRAPHIC PRESENTATION, COST EVALUATION, SCHEMATIC DESIGN, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION, AND PROJECT CLOSEOUT.

LOCATION

The new walks will wrap the Maple Hill district along Cleveland Street, Razorback Road, Maple Street, and Garland Avenue.

