

**State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES
FACILITY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
OLYMPIA, WA**

**NOTICE TO CONSULTANTS
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

Submittal Due Date: **August 26, 2024, prior to 2:00 PM PT**

Design and Construction Services Required for Project No. 2025-085: GHS CAMPUS HVAC IMPROVEMENTS for, Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF), 375 11th Street, Chehalis WA, 98532.

Description of Facility

The Green Hill School, located in Chehalis WA was founded in 1889 as the Washington State Reform school. It is now a full-security juvenile rehabilitation campus housing approximately 140 male youth. The campus is on a 44-acre property on the outskirts of Chehalis adjacent to Interstate 5, agricultural fields, recreational fields, the Lewis County Juvenile Court, and a low-rise residential neighborhood. Despite the age of the institution, these buildings are fairly new: mostly constructed in 1999 or later. Most, but not all buildings have cooling.

Considering the living units and support service buildings at the Green Hill School campus were built in the 1990s, the HVAC systems are 30+ years old and have reached their end-of-life. The Hawthorne, Spruce and Maple living units, vocational dining, laundry buildings, Human Resources, and the staff training building are all experiencing more frequent system failures, particularly during the hot and cold weather months of the year. In attempting to repair the HVAC systems, DCYF has become aware that parts for these systems are no longer available. These buildings are critical to housing, feeding, and educating the residents who are confined at Green Hill School and the buildings must be equipped to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of the residents and staff.

Scope of Work

This Request for Qualifications is for the purpose of selecting an Architect and Consultants for Design and Construction Services for the project GHS Campus HVAC Improvements located at 375 11th Street Chehalis, WA.

DCYF is seeking consulting engineering services for the recommendation and design/specification of a new energy efficient HVAC systems that can meet the needs of a 24/7 incarcerated population as well as realized energy efficiency goals as identified by the state of Washingtons Clean Building/Clean Energy goals. Consultants should have proven experience and successful past projects working within a correctional environment, past experience and knowledge of centralized hydronic heating systems and their integration with building specific cooling systems is also highly valued. 12 buildings are in consideration, Consulting firm must be familiar with requirements of Department of Commerce Measurement and Evaluation of Energy Efficiency.

The preliminary Maximum Allowable Construction Cost (MACC) for this project is **\$3,812,200.00**.

Project Goals

- *This project provides a unique opportunity to ensure safety, health and well-being of the residents and staff.*
- *Building performance targets ventilation, temperature control, Energy use and water use.*
- *The new HVAC systems to conform with The Washington State Clean Building Performance Standard (Law signed in 2019) and The Clean Building Expansion Bill (Law signed March 2022).*
- *Plan to shift away from natural gas use and toward electric heat-pump based systems.*
- *Test and Balance completion.*
- *Commissioning is a comprehensive process of testing building systems and coordinating resolution of issues so that buildings operate correctly in all expected conditions.*
- *Filtration: Filtration is a critical issue for indoor air quality and health.*
- *Improvement and upgrade of current HVAC controls.*

Submitting firms should have a strong background in the innovative design of HVAC Systems. Firms should also be well versed in multi-phased State agency construction, the State of Washington capital budget process, planning, life-cycle cost analysis.

Project-Specific Information

Campus Map

Anticipated Selection Schedule

RFQ Notice Issued	July 25, 2024
Informational Meeting	August 12, 2024, at 10:00 AM PT
Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) Due	See above date and time
Short-listed firms selected and notified	Week of September 9, 2024
Interview Period	Week of September 16, 2024
Firm(s) Selected and Announced	Week of September 16, 2024
Agreement(s) Executed	Mid-October, 2024

Informational Meetings and Site Tours

An informational meeting and site tour will be held **“in-person”** for this project.

Date/Time	In-Person Meeting Location,
August 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM PT	<i>375 11th Street Chehalis WA, 98532</i>
A site tour will be held immediately following informational meeting.	<i>Meet at Control Building at least 15 min early</i>

Firms who have previously not performed business with the state are encouraged to attend. Any information provided at the Informational Meeting will be posted on our Current Projects webpage (provided above) including a Q&A sheet from the meeting.

For directions for the pre-submittal informational meeting and site visit, please contact the DES project manager at rafael.urena@des.wa.gov or contact Jacob Simmons at jacob.simmons@dcyf.wa.gov.

Addenda to this Notice

It is the responsibility of the interested firms to track and changes to this solicitation. Refer to the DES website any addenda 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>).

Submittal Maximum Page Count and Additional Content

SOQs must not exceed twenty-five (25) single sided pages (total) of content using 8½ x 11 size sheets. Provided informational content is not included, the following will not be counted against the maximum page count:

- Title and Back Cover Pages
- Section Dividers/Tabs
- Consultant Selection Contact Form
- Attachment 2 Federal SF330 (Part II only) Form

When 11”x 17” size sheets or fold outs are used, each side will be counted as two 8½ x 11 sheets.

A submitting firm may elect to include any other pertinent data it deems appropriate to address the selection criteria and assist the Selection Committee in evaluating the qualifications. Additional content must remain within the maximum page count.

Submittal Requirements

DES is accepting only electronic submittals. All electronic submittals must be uploaded and received no later than the date and time specified.

Format the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to meet the following requirements. SOQs that do not follow this format may impact final scoring:

- Title Page indicating: (not included in page count)
 - **Project No. 2025-087 GHS AMPUS HVAC IMPROVEMENTS**
 - **DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY**
 - Name of Firm
 - Date of Submission
- Cover Letter (not included in page count)
- Consultant Selection Contact Form (see description below) (not included in page count)
- Executive Summary
- Qualifications of Key Personnel
- Relevant Experience
- Past Performance
- Life Cycle Cost Analysis Experience
- Diverse Business Inclusion Strategies
- Federal SF330 Form (Part II only) for Prime and key Subconsultants (not included in page count)

The Consultant Selection Contact Form must identify the Designated Point of Contact, contact information, and address the Firm. Form must be situated behind a Title Cover or Cover Letter AND before any table of contents. Consultant Selection Contact Form may be found in the Consultant Selection Documents, located on our Current Advertised Projects for Consultant Selection Page.

Federal form SF330 (Part II only) may be found on our Current Advertised Projects for Consultant Selection Page.

How to submit the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ)

DES has created a secure access point for uploading your SOQ for this project:

<https://wades.app.box.com/f/4a70e32d50144e0c9dcca2317f71cb99>

This link will be active until the submittal deadline, at which point the upload access will be removed.

If you have trouble uploading or would like confirmation of your upload, please contact Ryan Grimes via email: ryan.grimes@des.wa.gov

Failure to submit the SOQ by the specified date and time above will render the SOQ as non-responsive to this notice and rejected by DES for consideration. Failure to adhere to the submittal requirements may also render the SOQ as non-responsive to this notice and rejected by DES for consideration.

Supplemental RFQ Documents

The following forms/instructions are located on the DES Current Advertised Projects for Consultant Selection page in the **RFQ Consultant Selection Documents** section

(<https://des.wa.gov/services/facilities-leasing/public-works-design-construction/architecture-engineering-design-consultants/current-projects-advertised-consultant-selection>):

- Consultant Selection Contact Form
- Federal Form SF330
- Diverse Business Inclusion Plan

Selection Process

The selection process will consist of two phases: Phase 1 SOQ Evaluation and Phase 2 Oral Interviews. The firms submitting qualifications in Phase 1 will be scored and ranked using the Phase 1 evaluation criteria in this RFQ. The most qualified firms (Finalists) will be invited to Phase 2 Oral Interviews. The Finalists will be scored and ranked based on the Phase 2 evaluation criteria. The Finalist with the best Phase 2 rank will be chosen to begin negotiations to provide consultant services for this project. Note, Phase 1 and Phase 2 scores are NOT combined.

Phase 1: SOQ Evaluation (total 100 points)

Each SOQ received and deemed responsive to this notice will be reviewed and evaluated by a selection panel as determined by DES. This panel will review each SOQ for responsiveness and apply the following weighted selected criterion to determine a score for ranking:

Weighted evaluation criterion for the Phase 1

SOQ Evaluation will be used by the selection committee to score each top-rated firm as follows:

<p>Qualifications of Key Personnel Identify specific individuals and sub-consultants for key positions and show interrelationships and reporting hierarchy for your proposed team. Describe how each individual’s professional experiences are relevant and bring value to the project. Provide proposed percentage of time that the Owner intends to assign each individual or sub-firm to the Project.</p>	<p>25 points</p>
<p>Relevant Experience Discuss projects your firm has undertaken of similar scope, size and complexity within the past five to eight years. Describe attributes of past projects that have met goals similar to the Owner’s goals for this project. Identify delivery methods for each project. Provide original project budget and actual completed costs along with current contact information for reference checking.</p>	<p>25 points</p>
<p>Past Performance Describe the approach the Proposer might utilize to achieve and maintain Owner’s project scope, schedule and budget. Describe and provide examples of how the proposer successfully developed Owner’s project scope while staying within the proposed budget. Discuss tools and methods for scheduling projects for both design and construction. Show how the interrelationship of successful management of scope, schedule, and budget creates successful projects.</p>	<p>25 points</p>
<p>Life Cycle Cost Analysis Experience Describe the Proposer’s experience with utilizing the Office of Financial Management’s (OFM) ‘Life Cycle Cost Tool’ (or similar process) for project analysis and decision making during the predesign effort and as design progresses. More information on OFM LCC Model can be located at www.OFM.wa.gov/facilities .</p>	<p>25 points</p>
<p>Sustainable Design Experience This project will achieve a minimum LEED silver certification. Explain the Proposer’s philosophy and approach to sustainable design. Identify examples of strategies the Owner might consider to successfully direct the project to achieve LEED Silver or better certification.</p>	<p>NOT REQUIRED</p>
<p>Diverse Business Inclusion Strategies Describe strategies to increase opportunities for diverse business participation.</p>	<p>Not scored</p>

Based on each score, each SOQ will be ranked and a short-list of top-qualified firms will advance to Phase 2 Selection: Oral Interviews. DES reserves the right to determine the total number of top-qualified firms to advance to Phase 2 Selection.

Phase 2: Oral Interviews (total 100 points)

Top-qualified firms (highest ranked firms) will be invited to participate in Phase 2 of the selection. Oral Interviews on a specified date and time, and will be formatted in three periods:

Firm Presentation Period (Maximum: 25 Minutes)
 Question and Answer (Q&A) Period (Maximum: 15 minutes)
 Firm Closing Statements (Maximum: 5 Minutes)

In-Person Interview Considerations:

Advance access to the presentation room will not be provided, and any time necessary to set-up or break-down the presentation must occur and be part of the total interview time allotted. Each top-ranked firm must bring all necessary presentation equipment, materials and supplies (i.e. laptops, projectors, cables, easels, etc.) to fully support of their presentation. No additional time will be granted to set-up and tear-down the presentation. Each top-ranked firm must remain within the total period provided for the interview.

Weighted evaluation criterion for the Phase 2

Oral Interviews will be used by the selection committee to score each top-rated firm as follows:

Organization: Management Plan Team Member Qualifications Capacity/Production Capabilities	25 points
Project Management: Scope management Budgeting and Cost Control Project Scheduling	25 points
Project Approach: Understanding of this project Challenges & Opportunities	25 points
Experience: Relevant Past Projects (firm) Relevant Past Projects (key team members)	15 points
Life Cycle Cost Analysis Experience	10 points
Sustainable Design and Net Zero Experience	Not required
Diverse Business Inclusion Plan (written submittal)	NOT scored

Additional Considerations for Selection

Diverse Business Inclusion Plan Requirements

This submittal is a Phase 2 mandatory requirement. It is not scored, however, failure to submit will result in a firm being deemed non-responsive.

Each top-ranked firm, including diverse businesses, will be required to submit DES’ Public Works Diverse Business Inclusion Plan form.

A complete Diverse Business Inclusion Plan will be submitted to the DES Project Manager no later than one (1) full business day prior to the scheduled interview date and time.

The Diverse Business Inclusion Plan must 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.

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).

Following final selection, the successful firm and its subconsultants must register and create an account with the DES Diversity Compliance program (B2Gnow). B2Gnow is designed to streamline and automate reporting requirements.

Firms may contact the following resources to obtain information on certified and registered diverse business firms for the inclusion of potential diverse business subconsultants:

- 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

Evaluation and Scoring Considerations

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

Other Information

The successful most-highly qualified firm will be expected to enter upon DES' standard Engineering and Architectural Services Agreement. Level of effort and relative fees will be negotiated following selection of the most-highly qualified firm.

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 for this project beyond those services advertised above.

The state also reserves the right to terminate negotiations with the successful most-highly qualified firm if mutual agreement is unachievable. The state may at its discretion enter into negotiations with the next highly qualified firm determined as a result of this selection process; or conduct a new selection process for the procurement of services necessary to complete this project.

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

All Statements of Qualifications and submittals shall become property of the State of Washington and are subject to public disclosure, at the conclusion of the selection process, according to the provisions of RCW 42.56 Public Records Act.

For more information concerning this notice, please contact Ryan Grimes at 360.819.6937 or via email at: ryan.grimes@des.wa.gov.

For questions specific to the project, please contact the Project Manager, Rafael Urena Architect DES PM, 360.870.5623 rafael.urena@des.wa.gov

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