

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR
NEW REGIONAL LABORATORY AND MEDICAL FACILITY for the
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCES at
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE CAMPUS,
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA**

Pursuant to §41-16-72, of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences is requesting qualifications from design professionals licensed in the State of Alabama to provide architectural services for A Regional Laboratory and Medical Facility for the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences located on the campus of the University of Alabama at Huntsville (UAH), Huntsville, Alabama. The contract will be awarded to one architectural firm and the services will be compensated utilizing the Alabama Division of Construction Management fee schedule for professional services.

Project General Description and Scope: The scope of work shall include, but is not limited to, the design and construction of a new Forensic Laboratory and Medical Morgue facility on the grounds of the University of Alabama at Huntsville (UAH), which will include design and construction services that are typically associated with scientific laboratory and morgue projects. The facility is anticipated to be one story, approximately 25,000 +/- square feet in size, and situated on approximately 5.5 acres at the west end of the UAH campus on Technology Drive. The Forensic Laboratory and Medical Morgue facility will contain laboratory space dedicated to the areas of Drug Chemistry and Forensic Biology/DNA, as well as dedicated space for a multi-station Medical Morgue suite. The scope of work will also include administrative and office space for analysts, medical professionals, and support staff, as well as a training/conference room. ADFS anticipates being in a position to break ground on this project in October, 2021.

The total estimated construction budget for this project is \$9,400,000.

Qualifications: Applicants should have design experience with laboratory and medical facility projects of similar size requirements. The Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences will select the most qualified design professional as outlined in the current Manual of Procedures, provided by the Division of Construction Management. Recognizing the composition of Alabama's citizenship, the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences encourages qualifications from design professionals that represent Alabama firms with diversity in their staffing, proposed project team, and associated design professionals and consultants.

All applicable State of Alabama Division of Construction Management documents and procedures, as well as any other applicable requirements from funding sources, shall be utilized on this project. §41-16-82, of the Code of Alabama requires a disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all qualifications, bids, contracts, or grant proposals submitted to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000.00. The form is available online at <https://examiners.alabama.gov/PDF/publications/Vendor-Disclosure-Statement.pdf>.

§31-13-1, of the Code of Alabama, (Alabama Immigration Law) imposes conditions on the award of state contracts. Firms must agree to fully comply with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, as amended by the Immigration Act of 1990, and the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act. Architects and engineers should review and adhere to these guidelines as appropriate to their project type. For additional information on this subject, please refer to the Division of Construction Management bulletins.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria: Selection by the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences shall be based on factors which may include, among others, the following:

- a. Demonstrated experience and competence of the proposed project team members with extensive prior knowledge of scientific laboratory projects within the past five years.
- b. Record of past performance and related experience on new building projects of similar size and scope including office and laboratory space projects regarding quality of work, timely performance,

- ability to meet budgets, and other related items.
- c. Location of proposed team's office relative to project site and availability to visit and monitor the project site.
 - d. Previous experience working on State of Alabama projects and familiarity with the Division of Construction Management's procedures.

This Request For Qualifications is not an offer to contract but seeks the submission of qualifications from qualified, professional respondents that may form the basis for the negotiation of a contract agreement. The Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences reserves the right to award a contract to one or more selected entities, reject any or all qualifications and solicit additional qualifications, through the RFQ process, if that is determined to be in the best interest of the State of Alabama.

Response: Interested professionals should submit a letter of interest, statements of qualification utilizing GSA Standard Form 330 for the lead design firm and all consultants, plus any other relevant information for similar projects ongoing or completed within the past five years.

Qualifications must be delivered no later than 4:00 p.m., Central Time, on Friday, January 15, 2021.

Submit five (5) copies of the required qualification information to:

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Division of Construction Management

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