

## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

### DESIGN SERVICES FOR SITE/INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO SUPPORT A FULL-SCALE SATURN 1B ROCKET MODEL

Pursuant to **§41-4-133 of the Code of Alabama**, 1975, as amended, U.S. Space & Rocket Center Commission seeks qualifications from qualified professionals licensed in the State of Alabama to provide architectural and/or engineering services to support the installation of a new full-scale Saturn 1B Rocket model to be located at the Ardmore Welcome Center on I-65 (28232 Upper Elkton Rd, Elkmont, AL). This will be a replacement for the original Saturn 1B rocket which was removed in September of 2023.

**Project Scope of Work:** The scope of work shall include professional design services for the site/infrastructure improvements required to support the installation of the Saturn 1B Rocket model. Anticipated improvements include, but are not limited to structural (the rocket foundation, rocket mounting pedestals, determining the interface for the rocket), electrical (lighting, lightning protection), and civil/landscape improvements.

The term of the agreement will be two (2) years, with an option to renew for two (2) additional years. The design services will be contracted under both fees and hourly rates in accordance with the Manual of Procedures of the State of Alabama Department of Finance, Real Property Management, Division of Construction Management (DCM).

**Qualifications:** The Applicants shall demonstrate experience with similar projects and demonstrate familiarity with DCM's procedures and forms for design and construction projects. The applicant shall include special consultants (as necessary) to demonstrate specific knowledge of NASA artifacts.

Minimum Code of Alabama Requirements (current Code of Alabama available at <https://alison.legislature.state.al.us/code-of-alabama>):

§41-16-82 of the Code of Alabama requires a disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all qualifications, proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals submitted to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000.00.

§31-13-1, et seq. 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.

§41-16-5 of the Code of Alabama imposes conditions on the award of state contracts. The firm must certify that it is not currently engaged in, and will not engage in, the boycott of a person or an entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with which this state can enjoy open trade.

§41-16-163 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended requires the contracting parties affirm, for the duration of the agreement, that they are not currently engaged in, and will not engage in, economic boycotts.

**Response:** Interested professionals should submit three (3) hard copies of qualifications and three (3) electronic copies (disk or flash drive).

Qualification submittal packets must include a letter of interest, a completed GSA Standard Form 330, a complete list of references to include contact information for each, a State of Alabama Disclosure Statement along with any other relevant information (including but not limited to firm profile and organizational chart) to the following person and address listed below:

**Sam Mitchell, Director of Procurement**  
**U.S. Space and Rocket Center**  
**One Tranquility Base**  
**Huntsville, AL 35807**

**Qualification packets must be received no later than 5:00 PM, Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

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 or agreement.

One A/E firm will be selected from those submitting qualifications for further and more detailed evaluation and review by an independent committee of representatives from the U.S. Space & Rocket Center.

The U.S. Space & Rocket Center reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications and to solicit additional qualifications, through the RFQ process, if that is determined to be in the best interests of the State of Alabama.