

Auburn University
Transformation Gardens
Architect Selection
AU Project Number: 21-445

Pursuant to Alabama Act No. 2001-956, Auburn University seeks qualifications from qualified professionals to consult with the University facility program requirements, overall phasing plan, and the provision of basic architectural and engineering services for *Transformation Gardens (AU project number 21-445)*.

Project Description: Design development and construction administration of the Transformation Gardens, a 16-acre garden that encompasses every aspect of plant-based agriculture. Auburn University has previously completed planning efforts for the Transformation Gardens identifying a program that includes a pavilion, greenhouse, children's garden, and operations yard amongst plantings/pathways over the entire site. Implementation of the project may be developed in multiple phases over several years. Under a separate project, the university is planning to extend Duncan Drive from Lem Morrison Drive to Woodfield Drive creating the western boundary for the gardens and providing the necessary utility infrastructure to support the gardens buildout. Short-listed firms will be provided with a copy of the previous master planning and programming work.

Qualifications: Applicant firm will be selected on the basis of professional qualifications and successful experience with similar full-service engagements, and must clearly demonstrate considerable similar experience based upon the following criteria:

- Experience designing high performance agricultural facilities.
- Applicants must demonstrate successful experience in delivering fully integrated, functional, and economic facilities that maintain an elevated quality of architectural characteristics.
- Applicants must provide documented success in delivering a technically-sound design, that was on-time and on-budget via Design-Bid-Build delivery method. Applicants shall elaborate on methodology for the select project's construction cost control management.
- Expertise working in a collaborative design environment with a professional consulting team and large client working group.

This procurement will retain the **Project Team** to provide complete Basic Services and appropriate Additional Services to design the Transformation Gardens. This procurement is based upon the following parameters:

- The project budget has not yet been developed.
- Owner-Architect Agreement forms published by the Alabama Department of Finance's Construction Management Division, previously the Alabama Building Commission, will be utilized. Alabama state fee schedule will be utilized.
- The successful firm will be selected based upon documented qualifications of their proposed project team and demonstrated ability to work cooperatively with Auburn University, as determined during the interview.

Services from the **Project Team** include

- Review of existing site and environmental conditions
- As-built dimension verification
- Project program verification to be included in addition to basic services
- Basic Services design (A through E) as defined in the [Alabama Division of Construction Management Manual](#)
- Compliance with [Auburn University Design & Construction Standards](#)

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Minimum Code of Alabama Requirements (current Code of Alabama available <http://alisondb.legislature.state.al.us/alison/codeofalabama/1975/coatoc.htm>):

§41-16-72(8) and (9) of the Code of Alabama - Recognizing the composition of Alabama's citizenship, the Awarding Authority/Owner encourages submissions from design professionals that represent Alabama firms with diversity in their staffing and proposed project team, including but not limited to, associated design professionals and consultants.

§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.

Interested firms may request the questionnaire from and shall return the response to:

Ms. Vanessa Kleypas, Coordinator, Design at vhk0003@auburn.edu

Cc: Ms. Amy Bingham, Design Project Manager agb0017@auburn.edu

Questionnaires/responses shall be returned via e-mail only to the addresses above and **received no later than 3:00 PM Central Time, on or before Tuesday, September 21st, 2021.**

Shortlisted firms will be notified via email by **Thursday, September 23rd, 2021.**

Interviews will be held virtually through Auburn University the week of October 4th, 2021. A separate package describing the interview process will be forwarded to the short-listed teams.

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Questionnaire for Architect-of-Record Selection

Thank you for your interest in Auburn University Project 21-445 Transformation Gardens. Please provide a Cover Letter and completed Questionnaire Submittal via email by the deadline provided below. Submittals should be a single PDF file of no more than 25 pages and 20 MB maximum. Submittals should be 11x17 format. File should be named as follows: "21-445_Transformation Gardens.pdf".

Fees will be computed in accordance with Alabama Division of Construction Management Procedures, DCM Form B-2 and B-2A January 2020, and Chapter 4 Supplement Determination of Basic Fee or Basic Fee Rate for Design Professional Services. We consider this project to be classified as a Group III project. The adjustment for major renovation factor will not be considered for this project.

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SECTION 1: Primary Design Firm Qualifications

Provide the following information:

1. Firm Name
2. Address
3. Phone
4. E-mail
5. Primary Person to contact
6. Secondary Person to contact
7. Name and Alabama Registration Number of Architect whose seal will appear on the documents
8. Year Present Firm was Founded
9. List successor firms and years of operation
10. Is the location of the applicant a home office or branch office
11. How many total employees at the applicant location
12. How many registered professionals at this location
13. Form of Business

If the Primary Design Firm is proposing an association with another firm, provide items 1-13 for each firm.

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SECTION 2: Relevant Project Experience

Provide the following information on at least three (3) and up to five (5) relevant projects completed by the applicant firm within the past ten (10) calendar years. Note which project team members on each relevant project are proposed for this project.

1. Project Name
2. Location
3. Client name and contact information
4. Registered Professional Design Team Members & Roles on Project
5. Construction Firm
6. Date of Completion
7. Description of Project Scope
8. Total Square Footage
9. Total Construction Cost and Cost/SF
10. Project Drawings/Images, as appropriate to illustrate the project

If the primary design firm is proposing an association with another firm, indicate whether the project was completed by the primary design firm or the associated firm.

SECTION 3: Proposed Project Team

1. Provide a project specific Organizational Chart explaining your proposed design team members and their roles on this project. Include all proposed consultants relevant to this project.
2. Provide one-page resumes for the design team members indicated below, highlighting relevant project experience. Additional consultants may be proposed or required at owner's request.
 - a. Project Architect
 - b. Landscape Architect
 - c. Civil Engineer

SECTION 4: Project Team Process

Respond to the following questions:

1. Describe your firms' communication strategy and process in managing the design of this project.
2. Describe key programming elements from your experience and expertise associated with connecting indoor/outdoor spaces within garden/farm/environmental settings that are critical to the development of a successful program.

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3. What is your team's strategy for estimating and managing the budget and likely multiple construction phases throughout the Design Process? How does this process continue to include quality assurance and cost control during Construction Administration?
4. The Transformation Garden is planned to be an outreach showcase for the College of Agriculture while also being a working facility with ongoing operations and trials. What design techniques have you successfully implemented that strikes a balance to create a space that functions well while also providing a superior outward aesthetic.

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No other information such as firm marketing documents are requested.

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