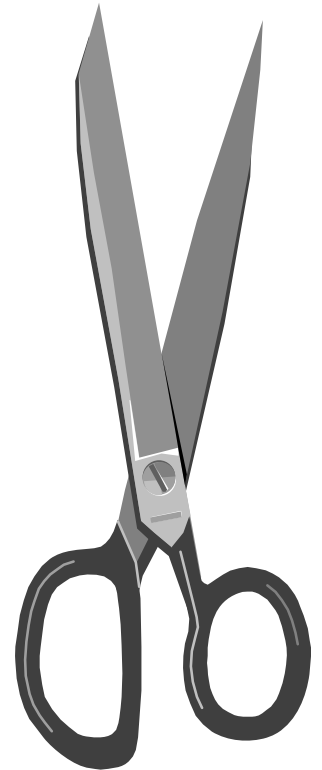


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SEALED BID NO.:	090-0402-NC (AM)
BID TITLE:	Pinellas County Design Professional Services for Public Safety Facilities and Centralized Communications Center Project No. 1635
DUE DATE/TIME:	August 19, 2010 @ 3:00 P.M.
SUBMITTED BY:	_____
	(Name of Company)

DELIVER TO: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
Board of County Commissioners
Annex Building –6th Floor
400 South Fort Harrison Avenue
Clearwater, FL 33756



Accessing Request for Professional Services Documents:

Due to the large size of the above RFP files, Pinellas County is utilizing an FTPS site to post the RFP documents. To download the files, please visit <https://files.pinellascounty.org/purchasing>. Click on the name of the RFP you are looking for to view and download individual files related to this bid. Save the file to your computer before viewing, for potentially faster downloading. **Review immediately for scheduled pre-bid meeting dates.**

Please Note:

From time to time, addenda may be issued to this bid. Any such addenda will be posted on the Purchasing Web site, <http://www.pinellascounty.org/purchase/CCNA.htm> and the <https://files.pinellascounty.org/purchasing> from which you can obtain the bid documents.

Before submitting your RFP you should check our Web site to download any addenda that may have been issued. Please remember to sign and return the Addenda Acknowledgement Form with completed bid package, if applicable.

TO: ALL INTERESTED PROPOSERS

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL: Professional Services for the Public Safety Facilities and Centralized Communications Center, Project No. 1635

PROPOSAL NUMBER: 090-0402-NC (AM)

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL IS DUE: August 19, 2010 @ 3:00 P.M.

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Following is additional information, clarifications, questions and responses relative to referenced Request for Proposal (RFP):

QUESTION 1:

My company would like to submit for the Pinellas County Public Safety Facility and Centralized Communications Center Project. As I am going through the RFP I have a few questions I am hoping you will answer for me. First, does the Prime firm have to be MBE or Local to get the allotted points or will our sub-consultants be able to count towards the MBE and Local Participation points.

ANSWER 1:

The prime has to be MBE.

QUESTION 2:

Second, on page 9 of the RFP it states that submittals must be in format of a loose leaf binder. Can you please clarify exactly what you would prefer to have submitted.

ANSWER 2:

The County request that the submissions should be in a loose leaf binder to permit ease of reviewing the information that is submitted.

PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO:
400 South Ft. Harrison, Sixth Floor
Clearwater, Florida 33756
Phone: (727) 464-3311
FAX: (727) 464-3925
Website: www.pinellascounty.org/purchase



QUESTION 3 from Bentley Architects and Engineers:

Is ARC 3 Architecture, the firm who prepared the preliminary design for this project, precluded from pursuing this project?

ANSWER 3:

No.

Additional input from Bentley Architects and Engineers:

After reading your response, I read the review of Pinellas County selection procedures written by Mr. John Wesley White dated October 2009. Having reviewed this report, it is clear that this has been a difficult process for the County to get through, and for that reason, I find it particularly troubling that you would allow ARC3 Architecture to compete for this project. Even though ARC3 Architecture's participation may not technically violate the letter of the statute, it clearly violates the intent of CCNA procedures to promote a fair, qualifications-based selection process.

I would also hope that the County would be more mindful of the effort and expense required by design professionals to respond to an RFP, particularly in this economy. In this particular case, any prospective consultant will have to complete a significant submittal document just to reach the shortlist, which will presumably include ARC3 Architecture by virtue of their vast experience with this project. Then, the shortlisted firms have the very difficult task of trying to convince a selection committee that they are more qualified to complete ARC3 Architecture's documents than ARC3 is. Mr. John Wesley White highlights this vast experience advantage in his report at the top of page 16 as a "significant advantage". In short, the County is requesting a significant work effort from consultants for a selection process that has a pre-determined conclusion, even if it is conducted with the best of intentions.

It seems to me that the fairest way for the County to approach this issue would be to retain ARC3 Architecture as the owner's representative, and use this selection process to select another qualified design firm. In my view, that is the only approach that would remove any doubt as to the process, and create a level playing field for consultant selection.

Purchasing's response:

This competitive process has been released for the purpose of hiring a design firm for the Public Safety Facilities and Centralized Communication Center project. This project will be driven by a construction manager at risk process, thus the requirement to hire a qualified design firm. As ARC3 was retained to perform the preliminary design work, as per state law, they are capable of responding to this competitive process as is any other design firm. As with any project CM driven where preliminary design work has been initiated, we cannot legally restrict the firm providing the preliminary design work from competing. We have painstakingly provided every document created by ARC3 during the preliminary design process to all potential respondents. To state that the selection process is "pre-determined" is incorrect. We have every intent to conduct a fair; qualifications based process with all information shared to all interested.

As far as the report from consultant John Wesley White, he did find flaws in the prior procurement process. Since this report, the process has been turned over to the Purchasing Department with new policies and procedures initiated from the consultant's suggestions. As far as ARC3 having a "significant advantage" in this competitive process, this statement is subjective. When all interested firms have been provided all of the information created by ARC3 during the preliminary design stage of the project, could it not be construed that every firm is now on equal ground?

My position as Purchasing Director for the Board of County Commissioners is not to favor one firm over another or promote one firm over another firm. It is simply to ensure that all procurement processes are competitive, fair and open within the boundaries established by law. We are following the law in regards to

this project and will make every attempt to ensure that the most qualified firm is hired to perform these services.

QUESTION 4:

Has a CM at Risk already been selected for this project?

ANSWER 4:

The Board of County Commissioners approved on January 5, 2010, a contract with Bovis Lend Lease Inc. for the construction management services pertaining to this contract. We are currently seeking the services of a design professional through a competitive CCNA process.

QUESTION 5:

Please clarify Page 7 question 3.b.1 where it states that there will be a review of the "firms experience with projects of similar size, type and scope". Would "firms" reference the Prime and Associate Architects combined experience or just the Prime's?

On question 3.b.2 it states that "The prime firm must have adequate, recent experience with projects of similar...". This specifically states that it must be the prime firm who can receive these points.

ANSWER 5:

"Firms" references the experience of the prime firm with projects of similar size, type and scope.

QUESTION 6:

Please elaborate on what is expected by the County relative to Building Information Modeling (BIM)?

ANSWER 6:

The County desires to keep its options open and negotiate BIM services with the selected DP. The services might range anywhere from "design & input of DP's work in full BIM to coordinate systems & provide Owner with electronic records in future – no follow up with CM" to "full BIM services & input during design with full services and follow up with CM during pricing & construction phase".

QUESTION 7:

Article 17.1.3 in the Agreement calls for \$2M Professional Liability Insurance. Section C of the RFQ calls for \$2M for Comprehensive General Liability and \$5M for Professional Liability. Please resolve.

ANSWER 7:

Section A, Page 6, Item 18 of the RFP states that a written agreement, in substantially the form attached, incorporating the Request for Proposal and the successful proposal will be prepared by the County, signed by the successful proposer. As such the Agreement attached to the RFP is a **SAMPLE** agreement. **The requirement stated in Section C of the RFP is correct.**

QUESTION 8:

Who comprises your selection committee? We want to honor the cone of silence

ANSWER 8:

The selection Committee is comprised of:

Susan Reiter, Vice President, Facilities Planning and Institutional Services, St. Petersburg College

Bill Hand- Architect, Architectural Services Division, Hillsborough County Government

Isreal Grajales- Architect, Architectural Services Division, Hillsborough County Government

Ivan Fernancez, CIP Division Director, Public Works

Paul Giuliani- Construction Division Manager, Utilities

Per the rules of the process all correspondence has to go through the Purchasing Department. Please refer to the County's Lobbying clause in Section A, page 4, Item 15 of the RFP.

QUESTION 9:

Will the County be providing in-house design consultation relative to the IT systems? Relative to Security?

ANSWER 9:

The County wants the DP to provide **all** consultants necessary to complete the project, and that includes BTS and Security consultants. Appropriate County personnel will meet with the DP and provide data, information, and answers in response to the DP's programming questions.

QUESTION 10:

Does the selected Construction Manager continue to be Bovis-Hardin-Mathews?

ANSWER 10:

See answer for question No. 4 above.

QUESTION 11:

The Design Development Documents note a "Raw Construction" Estimate of \$55,500,000; Section E of the RFQ notes a "Budget Estimate" of \$81,400,000. Please resolve.

ANSWER 11:

Section E of the RFP is correct with a "Budget Estimate" of \$81,400,000.

QUESTION 12:

My firm has a question regarding the above opportunity, specifically on the paragraph that starts with "The Proposer shall provide detailed information with a project budget breakdown included..." on page 13 of 18.

If possible, please clarify what the County means by a "project budget breakdown." Is this for the design, construction, or both? What format does the County expect for the breakdown? Also, is this for hours budgeted or dollars budgeted?

ANSWER 12:

The County wants each proposer to review and assess the existing project construction budget provided in the project information files (under Master Plan and Program/Schematics/Project & Budget Overview 120908.pdf) and then provide a detailed response and assessment of this budget in their submittal. This budget is in strict reference to the construction costs and not associated with design professional fees.

All other specifications, terms and conditions remain the same.

Please remember to acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in Section G, Page 17 under Addendum No. 1, and return with completed bid package.

Sincerely,

Joseph Lauro, CPPO/CPPB
Director of Purchasing