

# REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

## ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

### University of California, Merced

The University of California, Merced is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from architecture firms interested in providing architectural services for the following project:

#### Science & Engineering 1

The project will provide space renovations to the existing Science & Engineering 1 (SE1), through multiple phases to provide new computational lab space, new Anthropology labs, graduate student seating, and conference rooms. The reconfiguration will involve 3 floors of approx. 132,300 gsf with multiple Academic schools in various locations of the building while the remaining building and spaces are expected to be fully operational.

The Request for Statements of Qualifications (RFQ), which sets forth details regarding the scope of services, the selection process, and other necessary information, is posted at the following website: : <http://www.ucmerced.edu/rfp-rfq>.

A Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) form, a Request for Supplemental Information, a registration form, and instructions for other requirements for the submittal also are included. The RFQ for this project will be available beginning Monday, May 20, 2019. One copy of the submittal is required - in bound form and 1 USB. They must be delivered to the address below no later than **1:00 pm, Thursday, June 6, 2019**.

Please address submittals to:

Via Us Mail:

Fran Telechea  
Executive Director of Design & Construction  
University of California, Merced  
5200 North Lake Road  
Merced, CA 95343

Via Overnight Delivery:

Allison Costa  
Sr. Project Analyst Space Planning  
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### SCIENCE & ENGINEERING 1 (SE1)

University of California, Merced

May 20, 2019

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## **Campus Background**

The University of California, Merced, is the newest of the University of California system's 10 campuses and the first American research university built in the 21st century. With nearly 8,000 undergraduate and graduate students, UC Merced offers an environment that combines a commitment to diversity, inclusion, collaboration and professional development. With bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs, strong research and academic partnerships, and community involvement, the UC Merced campus is continually evolving and requires talented, knowledgeable and dynamic educators, researchers, management and staff.

Ranked among the best public universities in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, UC Merced is uniquely equipped to provide educational opportunities highly qualified students from the San Joaquin Valley and throughout California. The campus enjoys a special connection with nearby Yosemite National Park, is on the cutting edge of sustainability in construction and design, and supports the economic development of Merced and the region.

In Fall 2016, UC Merced broke ground on a \$1.3 billion public-private partnership that is unprecedented in higher education. The Merced 2020 Project will nearly double the physical capacity of the campus by 2020, enhancing academic distinction, student success and research excellence. In 2018, UC Merced opened the Downtown Campus Center, a \$33 million, three-story administrative building located in the heart of Merced.

## **Project Background and Description**

The Merced campus of the University of California is soliciting qualified architectural firms with experience in University academic or administrative office reconfigurations to submit written statements of qualification to provide architectural consulting services as an Executive Architect providing services such as programming and full architectural, engineering, and specialty services through the design, construction, and close-out phases for the project.

### **Scope of Services**

The University of California Merced is planning to design and reconfigure spaces in Science & Engineering 1 (SE1) through multiple phases to provide new computational lab space, new Anthropology labs, graduate student seating, and conference rooms. The reconfiguration will involve 3 floors of approx. 132,300 gsf with multiple Academic schools in various locations of the building while the remaining building and spaces are expected to be fully operational. The work will include programing, planning, and coordination with University furniture vendor, demolition of existing walls, frame new wall, electrical modifications, HVAC adjustments and finishes. The Campus is seeking an experienced Design Team to provide architectural and engineering services for the project. It is anticipated the work will require services in the following disciplines:

- Architecture
- Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Telecommunications Engineering
- Cost Estimating, Budget Development
- Programming/Planning

However, the University will be making the selection based solely on the demonstrated capabilities of that firm. When selected, the firm and the University may jointly identify the subconsultants that will form the rest of the design team.

The *Executive Agreement between the Regents of the University of California and the Design Professional (Executive Design Professional Agreement)*, the campus' standard contract between the University and the design professional, can be found as an

attachment to this RFP. Firms should review the Agreement, and the firm that is selected will be asked to affirm the agreement without reservations to its terms.

### **Qualifications**

The University is seeking a Consulting Campus Architect with the following experience and qualifications:

- Excellence in programming and design on University academic and administrative office space and renovations.
- Demonstrated technical excellence on academic and administrative offices including renovations
- Demonstrated excellence in adhering to tight project budgets and schedules from design through construction, including change order history of comparable projects.
- Experience working with multiple stakeholders in a single project.
- Experience in the public low bid environment.
- Experience with University of California policies and procedures is desirable.

### **Schedule**

The Executive Architect start date is anticipated to be late-June 2019. The project completion date is anticipated to be in August 2021.

### **Joint Ventures/Associations**

By campus policy, proposals for joint or associated ventures will not be considered for this project. If two firms wish to combine in a project team, one firm must be proposed as a sub-consultant to the other.

### **Selection Criteria**

The University is seeking a technically experienced, architecture and engineering team with skills consistent with its vision for the UC Merced campus. The Screening and Selection Committees will be interested in teams that:

- Have demonstrated firm experience in the programming and design of high quality and cost-effective University administrative office space projects, including renovation work.
- Have demonstrated within the firm, a strong team comprised of the design principal, project manager, and project architect that has worked together on relevant University administrative office space projects.
- Have proven firm and consultant team capability to provide creative, functional, flexible, and technologically sound design solutions with an economy of means and within the project budget.
- Have demonstrated firm and consultant team capability to respond creatively and sensitively to an existing architectural context.

### **Selection Process**

This Request for Statements of Qualification and attachments will be available at:

<http://www.ucmerced.edu/rfp-rfq> Monday, May 20, 2019. Written Statements of Qualification should be in accordance with the attached Submittal Format. Submittals must be delivered to the address below no later than **1:00 pm, Thursday, June 6, 2019**. One copy of the submittal is required - in bound form and one USB flash drive. In addition, please fill out the attached non-mandatory Registration Form and email it to Fran Telechea, [ftelechea@ucmerced.edu](mailto:ftelechea@ucmerced.edu) no later than 1:00PM, Friday, May 31, 2019. The University will use the Registration Form to notify firms of any changes or updates. Firms that submit the Registration form will receive notification if any changes are made to the RFQ or schedule. The University reserves the right to make changes and adjustments to this Request for Statements of Qualifications at any time. Please watch the website for any updates. Failure to register with the University may result in firms not receiving notification of updates to the RFQ, should any be issued. The University shall not be responsible for a firm's failure to incorporate any updates that are issued.

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Note: UC Merced's internal mail is not delivered daily so it is recommended that the proposal be delivered via overnight or hand delivered to the overnight location to insure meeting the deadline.

The University will convene a Screening Committee to review submissions and select a firm. The Screening Committee anticipates notifying all firms the selection outcome in mid- June 2019.

The University reserves the right to request any further documentation that it deems appropriate and necessary for the screening and selection process. Please direct any questions to Fran Telechea, Executive Director of Design & Construction at [ftelechea@ucmerced.edu](mailto:ftelechea@ucmerced.edu).

Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University within the limits imposed by law and University policy.

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**SUBMITTAL FORMAT**

*Firms submitting their qualifications for the project must follow the format below. Material must all be in 8-1/2 x 11 inch format—no foldouts. Use of the University of California seal, or any University of California logo, is prohibited. Submittals shall include divider tabs labeled with the boldfaced headers below; e.g., the first tab would be entitled “Cover Letter”, the second tab “Qualifications”, etc. Double-sided printing is encouraged. **PROVIDE One (1) BOUND COPY, 1 USB flash drive.***

1. **COVER LETTER** (*maximum of 1 page*)
    - identify team
    - provide name of contact person, phone and fax
    - summarize qualifications most relevant to this project
  
  2. **RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS** (*maximum of 2 single-sided or one double-sided page*)
    - provide in summary format only
    - do not include general information
    - offer short, focused paragraphs by topic (i.e., building type; technical aspects; sustainability/LEED™; etc.)
  
  3. **RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE** (*maximum of 4 single-sided or 2 double-sided pages*)
    - briefly state relevance for each project
    - specify role of the firm or individual if work was not exclusively by the firm (i.e., joint venture, association); ***if work was done by individuals on the project team while with other firms, this must be clearly stated***
    - provide a list of the following for each project:
      - project name and location
      - beginning and ending dates of project (including construction)
      - square footage
      - main program elements
      - owner name with name of contact person
- Note: Projects that are currently in design or under construction are acceptable, but completed projects may carry more weight in the evaluation.*
4. **PROJECT TEAM SUMMARY** (*maximum of 2 single-sided or one double-sided page, not including the matrix*)
    - identify key team members, including sub-consultants, and state their qualifications relevant to programming services and the scope of this project.
  
  5. **APPENDIX**
    - Firm brochure/history/background, reprints, etc. (*optional*)
    - Key team member resumes
    - UC Statement of Qualifications (per attachment)
    - UC Request for Supplemental Information (per attachment)

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STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Firm's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Firm Established (year) \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Type of Organization (check one):  
 a. Individual  b. Partnership  c. Corporation

5. Principals and Associates (check P or A for each):

	Name	P	A	Degree or Certificate	Institution
a.					
b.					
c.					
d.					

6. Average staff employed in home office: (average of past five years):

- |                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| a. Architects _____           | e. Drafting Technicians _____ |
| b. Engineers _____            | f. Clerical _____             |
| c. Landscape Architects _____ | g. Programmers _____          |
| d. Interior Designers _____   | h. Others _____               |

7. List five major projects constructed within the past five years:

	Project	Owner	Year	Building Cost
a.				
b.				
c.				
d.				
e.				

8. References:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_

9. (Optional) Where do you normally look for information about proposed University of California projects?

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED  
PRIVACY NOTIFICATION**

The State of California Information Practices Act of 1977 requires the University to provide the following information to individuals who are asked to supply information about themselves:

The principal purpose for requesting the information on this form is for use in the selection process for Design Professionals commissioned by the University. University Policy authorizes maintenance of this information.

Furnishing all information requested on this form is mandatory—failure to provide such information will delay or may even prevent completion of the action for which the form is being filled out. Information furnished on this form will be used by Physical Planning in the screening and selection process for awarding commissions to Design Professionals.

Individuals have the right to access this record as it pertains to themselves.

The official responsible for maintaining the information contained on this form is the Campus Architect for the Merced campus of the University of California.

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**REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Please submit the following information together with the SOQ and other required submittal material by the date noted in the Request for Statements of Qualifications. Failure to respond may affect consideration of your firm for this project. Responses may be listed on separate pages.

- 1) Please separately list each pending unresolved claim for professional negligence and each current arbitration, mediation or litigation in which professional negligence or breach of professional services agreement is alleged or indemnity is being sought (because of such alleged negligence or breach of contract) using the following claimant categories:
  - a) The Regents of the University of California against your firm or any principal of your firm (indicate campus, medical center, or Department of Energy (DOE) Laboratory and name of project). If none, indicate none.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b) Any owner, person or entity against your firm or any principal of your firm (indicate project, location and owner). If none, indicate none.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c) The Regents of the University of California against any of your proposed major consultants (i.e. structural engineer, mechanical engineer, and/or any other major consultant on your proposed project team. Indicate campus, medical center, or Department of Energy (DOE) Laboratory and name of project). If none, indicate none.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - d) Any owner, person or entity against any of your proposed major consultants (indicate project, location and owner). If none, indicate none.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Please separately list each resolved (settled, arbitrated, litigated) claim for professional negligence or breach of professional services agreement or for indemnity (because of such alleged negligence or breach of contract) during the last 5 years using the following categories:
  - a) The Regents of the University of California against your firm or any principal of your firm (indicate campus, medical center, or Department of Energy (DOE) Laboratory and name of project). If none, indicate none.

- b) Any owner, person or entity against your firm or any principal of your firm (indicate project, location and owner). If none, indicate none.
  
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- d) Any owner, person or entity against any of your proposed major consultants (indicate project, location and owner). If none, indicate none.

**DECLARATION**

The undersigned declares under penalty of perjury that all of the information submitted is true and correct and that this declaration was executed in

\_\_\_\_\_ County, California, on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Title – Printed or Typed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Firm Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State, Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Email Address)

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, MERCED**

**REGISTRATION FOR SUBMITTAL OF STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR  
ARCHITECT OR EXECUTIVE ARCHITECT CONSULTANT SERVICES**

**For  
Classroom & Office Building**

***Instructions:** Firms intending to submit statements of qualifications for Classroom & Office Building on the UC Merced campus must complete the form below and email it to Fran Telechea at ftelechea@ucmerced.edu. **by no later than 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2019.** The University will send an acknowledgment of receipt by return email. Failure to register with the University may result in firms not receiving updates to the Request for Statements of Qualifications, should any be issued. The University shall not be responsible for a firm's failure to register for updates or to incorporate any updates that are issued, or for incorrect contact information on this registration form.*

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (for deliveries): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal-in-Charge (print name): \_\_\_\_\_

Principal-in-Charge (signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*For University Use Only*

Received by UC Merced Design& Construction:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date