

**The Regents of the University of California
UC Merced 2020 Project
Request for Qualifications # UCM20200414-1 – Issued September 25, 2014
Reissued RFQ Question and Answer Matrix #1 (Issued on October 10, 2014)
(Questions Submitted between September 26, 2014 and October 6, 2014)**

No.	Issue	RFQ Section No.	Question/Comment	Regents Response
1.	Prior Submitted Questions	All	Are we to assume that the Q&A asked and answered in the original RFQs' Addendum #1 and #2 (and RFQ matrices) are still valid for the re-issued RFQ (released on September 25, 2014)? If not, we request that all prior Q&A be responded to again by DC Merced for this RFQ submittal	As this RFQ (#UCM20200414-1) is a separate RFQ from the originally released RFQ, as amended by addenda (#UCM20200414), the questions and responses to the original RFQ are no longer valid. However, to the extent the language and substance of this RFQ is identical to the originally released RFQ, the Regents has not changed its position with respect to issues raised in previously submitted questions.
2.	Ensuring Compliance	N/A	We would appreciate any opportunity to be debriefed on our first SOQ, to ensure we address the circumstances leading up to the current reissuing of the RFQ.	The Regents will not provide a formal debrief regarding any SOQ submitted in response to the original RFQ (#UCM20200414).
3.	SOQ Submittal	Part A, 5.2 - Format	Due to confidentiality, is it acceptable that the 30 electronic copies of Volume 4 be submitted in a separate envelope from the electronic copies of Volume 1, 2 and 3? Submittal would then be 30 electronic copies (appropriately labeled) of Volume 1, 2 and 3 in one sealed envelope and then 30 electronic copies (appropriately labeled) of Volume 4 in a separate sealed envelope.	Yes, the proposed approach is acceptable.

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4.	Confidential Financial Information	Part A, 5.2 - Format	To further protect the confidentiality of the requested confidential financial information, would it be acceptable to submit the electronic copy of Volume 4 on a single, separate CD? The new electronic copy total would become 30 electronic copies of Volumes 1, 2, & 3, and 1 separate copy of Volume 4.	It is acceptable to submit the electronic copy of Volume 4 on a separate CD, but 30 copies of such CD must be submitted. Please also see response to Question #3.
5.	Signatures	Part A, 5.2 - Format	Will electronic signatures in blue ink be acceptable as originals or are Proposers required to submit wet signatures for original documents?	A wet signature or a pdf of a wet signature is acceptable for the original submittal documents.
6.	Financial Pass/Fail	Part A, 6.2.2(b); Part B, Volume 2, Section E(1)	<p>Please clarify how many projects need to meet the pass fail requirements set out in Section 6.2.2(b). We have two specific questions:</p> <p>First, within the text of 6.2.2(b) can you please clarify that, in order to meet the pass fail criteria, a single Equity Member must provide three projects all of which meet (b)(i) and that among those three projects one must meet (b)(ii) and one must meet (b)(iii) but the projects meeting (b)(ii) and (b)(iii) need not be the same.</p> <p>Second, Volume 2, Section E(1) asks that Equity Members include "A description ... of relevant experience ... on projects ... which meet the applicable evaluation criteria set forth in Part A, Sections 6.2.2(b) and 6.3.2" [emphasis added]. This sentence could be interpreted to mean that all projects must meet the criteria in both of 6.2.2(b) and 6.3.2; however this is not consistent with the text of 6.2.2(b) and we don't believe it to be the intent of the RFQ. Could you please clarify that not all eight Equity Member projects must meet the pass fail criteria so long as three projects from one Equity Member meet those criteria (as per the first part of this question)?</p>	<p>This interpretation is correct.</p> <p>Not all projects included under Volume 2, Section E.1 need meet the pass/fail criteria in Part A, Section 6.2.2(b), provided that at least three projects of a single Equity Member meets the pass/fail requirements of Part A, Section 6.2.2(b).</p>
7.	Equity Member Projects	Part A, 6.2.2(b)(i)	Please advise the date from which experience in closing financing over past seven years is measured from.	The date from which the seven-year period is measured is April 17, 2014. Please see Addendum No. 1.

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8.	Equity Member Projects	Part A, 6.2.2(b)(ii)	Is military housing considered public building?	Yes.
9.	Campus Planner Required Qualifications	Part A, 6.2.3(1)(a); Part B, Volume 3, Section C(1)(c)	Within Part A, Section 6.2.3(1)(a) of the RFQ, the Lead Campus Planner is required to have experience as lead campus planner on at least three higher education campus projects with projected enrollment of 8,000 FTE students in last seven years. In Part B, Volume 3, Section C(1)(c), the Campus Planner is required to have experience on two higher education projects (same enrollment and time frame). Which is correct – two or three projects?	The requirements in Part A, Section 6.2.3(1)(a) apply to the firm proposed for the Lead Campus Planner role (see definition), whereas the requirements in Part B, Volume 3, Section C(1)(c) apply to the individual proposed for the Key Personnel position of “Campus Planner.”
10.	Definition of “thermal energy delivery systems”	Part A, 6.2.3(1)(c)(ii)	We assume that the definition of “thermal energy delivery systems” includes items such as heat recovery systems and geothermal energy systems. Is our assumption correct?	Yes.
11.	Surety Letters	Part B, Volume 2, Section D	Will you accept the original surety letters that comply with current RFQ requirements, to be resubmitted or do we need new letters dated within the month of October 2014?	Please submit updated surety letters in response to the current RFQ.
12.	Confidential Materials	Part B, Volume 4	May we submit one Vol. 4 hardcopy that includes a statement that we have no technical materials to mark as confidential and the rest of the book will contain our confidential financial materials?	The proposed approach is acceptable, provided that 30 electronic copies of same are also submitted.

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13.	Time Limit for Project Freshness	Form E; Form H	<p>We would like to clarify from which milestone the time limit for project freshness commences. Is it Design Start Date, Construction Documents Completion Date or Construction Start Date / Substantial Completion Date?</p> <p>Does this vary dependent on the entity providing the project? For example, would the project freshness limit for an architect project commence from Design Start Date and for a Lead Contractor would it be the Construction Start Date?</p> <p>Do the time limits apply from the date of this RFQ UCM20200414-1 (25 September 2014), or from the date of the initial release of the previous RFQ UCM20200414 (17 April 2014)?</p>	<p>For the purposes of the pass/fail criteria set forth in <u>Part A, Section 6.2.3(1)(b)</u>, at least one of the projects meeting the requirements of (i) – (iv) must have reached substantial completion and all others must have reached completion of design, in each case within the last seven years.</p> <p>For the purposes of the pass/fail criteria set forth in <u>Part A, Section 6.2.3(1)(c)</u>, the Lead Contractor must have substantially completed the relevant projects within the last seven years.</p> <p>For the purposes of the pass/fail criteria for Key Personnel set forth in <u>Part A, Section 6.2.3(2)(a)</u> and <u>Part B, Volume 3, Section C.1(d)-(g)</u>, at least one of the projects meeting the requirements of (d) – (g) must have reached substantial completion of construction and all others must have reached completion of design.</p> <p>Otherwise, so long as any stage of the relevant experience occurred within the specified time period, if any, the project experience may be included. Note that <i>except</i> with respect to the pass/fail criteria set forth in <u>Part A, Section 6.2.3(1)</u>, no time period is specified for project experience included on Form E, although staleness of a project may affect the qualitative evaluation.</p> <p>The time limits apply from April 17, 2014. Please see Addendum No. 1.</p>

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14.	Equity Member	Form F	In instances where equity project financial information is proprietary and/or not allowed to be released per company policy, will the project still be considered eligible if such information is not included?	Information required by the RFQ/Forms must be included in order to allow the Regents to evaluate the project.
15.	Exchange Rate Conversion	Form G	In relation to converting financial statements to USD for Form G, please confirm that we can utilize OANDA (www.oanda.com) as the reference source for the relevant exchange rate.	Confirmed.
16.	Exchange Rate Conversion	Form G	Where each consortium member has differing fiscal reporting years, please confirm that we are to use the exchange rate associated with the end of each individual company's fiscal year.	Confirmed.
17.	Contingent Liabilities	Form G	Form G Note (5): Where Company Financial statements provide detailed explanation as to the extent of Contingent Liabilities, but a specific dollar amount has not been provided in the Financial Statements either in total or a range, please confirm a reference on Form G to the relevant notes in the Financial statements is appropriate.	Confirmed.