

Company One –

- Question 1. Is the conceptual designer (JMA) prohibited from submitting their qualifications?
Answer 1. No. The concept drawings were needed for the application funding but are only a concept. The RFQ winner will draw the actual building plans.
- Question 2. If not, why is FIT pursuing an RFQ process?
Answer 2. Competitive bidding is a requirement to funding. FIT is seeking the best qualified firm for the job.
- Question 3. How would FIT characterize the relationship with the conceptual designer?
Answer 3. JMA designed the original building. FIT is on good terms with them.
- Question 4. Is there a program that lists the room uses for the addition?
Answer 4. Not beyond the general classroom and computer lab concepts.
- Question 5. What criteria will FIT use to determine if the project will be (rather than “may be”) designed to meet LEED Silver Certification?
Answer 5. Primarily a cost factor although other factors including Project Architect will be considered.
- Question 6. Does FIT have all of the funding in place to complete the addition?
Answer 6. Yes.
- Question 7. What is the project budget?
Answer 7. \$2,883,923
- Question 8. How many people are on the Review Team?
Answer 8. No fewer than three nor more than five. At present time there are three.
- Question 9. Are the architectural/engineering plans available to be reviewed for the original building prior to this RFQ deadline?
Answer 9. Yes. Contact Penny at 702-367-4348 and a disk will be forwarded to you
- Question 10. The statutory limit for Workers Compensation in Nevada is \$1M; please explain the requirement for \$2M.
Answer 10. The limit for Workman’s Comp has been amended to \$1,000,000.

Company Two –

- Question 1. DCC architects is interested in looking further into this RFQ , however we would like to assess if the Architectural Firm that appears has produced some conceptual drawings , namely JMA architects, will be allowed to submit their proposal on this project.otherwise what is their role?
Answer 1. Yes.
- Question 2. Were they paid for those services...?
Answer 2. No.

Question 3. Is there anyone in their organization or any of their relatives a member of the Foundation, and /or the Review Team?

Answer 3. No.

Company Three –

Question 1. There has been some preliminary studies completed, is that Firm eligible to submit a Statement of Qualifications for the project?

Answer 1. Yes

Question 2. Will there be a Pre-submittal meeting?

Answer 2. No

Question 3. Is there an opportunity to tour the site and ask questions about the project?

Answer 3. Tours can be arranged. No questions will be answered during the tour as all questions must be submitted in writing and will be disseminated to all bidders.

Company Four –

Question 1. Drawings were included from JMA Architects from 2009 of a 2nd Floor Addition Study will they be excluded from the project as a result?

Answer 1. No

Question 2. There are approximately 14 sections excluding the proposal format and organization section indicated, but a maximum of 10 pages 8.5x11 or 11x17 foldouts, would this indicate that sections should be combined?

Answer 2. You are limited to 10 pages plus exceptions set forth in Section VII.A.14.b.

Question 3. Section 4 requires a financial summary be included will these proposals become public record?

Answer 3. All proposals will be submitted to the EDA and City of Las Vegas.

Question 4. Section 2c and 8 are duplicate, should the information be duplicated?

Answer 4. No. Please respond to Section VII.A.8.

Question 5. Will other requested documentation such as proof of licensure, resumes, LEED certification, and an organizational chart be considered part of the 10 page count?

Answer 5. Yes

Question 6. In VIII. Evaluation Criteria part C the RFQ refers to “Demonstrate through historical documentation that the firm has the ability to meet...user program goals, and final construction project costs. Include information regarding owner budgets, construction estimates, bidding and complete project cost including change order information. Project schedules, should provide information about the progress of work as related to owner schedules and goals as well as the overall success of projects and client satisfaction.” Under submittal requirements section 7, there are 5 project information requests that limit the descriptions, should the team provide documentation of the items in Evaluation Criteria in part C in addition to the 5 requested items.

Answer 6. Yes, if you believe there is additional information not called for in Section VIII.C.

Company Five

- Question 1. I see that JMA did the original building. Will they be allowed to propose on the addition or are they acting as the owner's representative?
- Answer 1. Yes, they can propose on the addition. No, they are not acting as owner's representative
- Question 2. # 4 – provide a summary of the firm's financial status; what are you looking for? Just a statement that we are financially viable or something more? Do you want this for all team members (ie, architect, civil engineer, structural engineer, MEP, etc)
- Answer 2. This request seeks information to support you and your team's ability to complete this project from a financial view. It is up to each individual bidder to provide this documentation as they see fit. A blanket statement without supporting materials would not be considered responsive.
- Question 3. # 11; I understand it to say that we are to describe how we would go about negotiating with you for the lump sum fee once selected for the project but you want a fee/cost assigned to each task we deem necessary to complete the project. Is this understanding correct?
- Answer 3. This request seeks a lump sum bid for all aspects of work set forth in the RFQ accompanied by a breakdown of tasks, who and how they will be completed and an itemization of the cost of these tasks resulting in a lump sum fee.
- Question 4. Is the 10 page count double sided as there is a lot of required information.
- Answer 4. The page count is 10 pages, single sided.

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- Question 11. The work as shown and as described in the RFQ indicates a desire to remain operational during construction of an addition; we are concerned about safety and the disruption of FIT's work, clients and construction process during this time. Please explain how this expectation was determined as part of the addition solution?
- Answer 11. FIT intends to remain open during construction. Design and construction planning and implementation needs to satisfy this requirement.
- Question 12. If the safety of FIT's staff and clients cannot reasonably be accommodated, will FIT consider off-site leasing during the construction period?
- Answer 12. No. A safe way to proceed needs to be found.
- Question 13. Is the grant package available for review?
- Answer 13. No.
- Question 14. How was the program/space plan for the addition determined and is it available for review prior to the RFQ deadline?
- Answer 14. The plan was developed in meetings between FIT management and staff. There is no further documentation beyond what has already been provided

Company Six –

- Question 1. In reviewing the RFP there is some substantial documentation developed by JMA. If they are allowed to submit a response to the RFP they would have a significant advantage over our firm and probably any other firms. I would like to confirm that they are advisors to "FIT" and will not be submitting a response to the RFP.
- Answer 1. FIT does not know JMA's intentions. JMA is not acting as an advisor to FIT

Company Three – Submittal Two

- Question 4. We want to confirm that all the conditions are in place for the remote parking lot. If they are not, will we need to assist in acquiring them?
These conditions include documentation of the common ownership of the parcels, verification of the compliance with the travel distance between parcels, documentation that Stella Lake Street is not considered a “major thoroughfare” and documentation that access through the proposed fire station site is approved.
- Answer 4. All conditions are in place or in the process of being completed. Your assistance is not expected to be needed.
- Question 5. Please clarify the use of the existing building. The area below the new construction will need to be vacated while the primary structure is completed. Will we need to assist in relocations plans or the design of temporary planning?
- Answer 5. FIT does not plan to vacate. We expect construction to be done in stages allowing FIT to continue operations.
- Question 6. Is the existing structure designed to accommodate the new second floor structural loads?
- Answer 6. Reinforcement will be part of the project.
- Question 7. Is it intended to have a major stair access from the existing first floor to the new second floor?
- Answer 7. Stair access as well as elevator access is intended.
- Question 8. There have been some preliminary studies completed, is that Firm eligible to submit a Statement of Qualifications for the project?
- Answer 8. No Firm has been disqualified or prohibited from submitting a proposal.
- Question 9. There is a 10 page limit for submitting responses, can these pages be printed double sided for a total of 20 printed/10 actual pages?
- Answer 9. Single side only
- Question 10. Under section VII. “Submittal Requirements” #2.c (page 4) and #8 (page 5) are identical questions, can we just provide a response to 1?
- Answer 10. Respond to VII.A.8. only.

Company Seven –

- Question 1. Whether the Workforce Training Ctr.2nd Floor is in vertical construction yet;
- Answer 1. No
- Question 2. What type of exterior cladding is spec'd;
- Answer 2. Unknown
- Question 3. What type of exterior trim is spec'd;
- Answer 3. Unknown
- Question 4. If there is fiber cement spec'd, which manufacturer will most likely be chosen & what percentage or portion of the project is the fiber cement?;
- Answer 4. N/A
- Question 5. When will the project be ready for siding installation?;

Answer 5. Unknown

Company Eight–

Question 1. Has the RFQ for the 8650 square foot addition project been reviewed by the State Board of Architecture? It is my understanding that, according to the State Board of Architecture, it is illegal for a licensed architect to discuss fees or fee structures in any way if the project involves public funds.

Answer 1. No.

Question 2. If public funding is involved in this project, has the Board ruled it is legal for a licensed architect to respond to the RFQ?

Answer 2. N/A

Company Nine–

Question 1. When do you anticipate to start selecting contractors for this project?

Answer 1. Unknown.

Question 2. Should we go ahead and send our qualifications for this project?

Answer 2. Not unless you are responding to this RFQ.

Company Ten–

Question 1. What is the intended delivery method for this project? (Design-Bid Build, Design-build, CMAR, etc.)

Answer 1. Design – Build

Question 2. Is the project intended to be designed to LEED Silver standards or is the intent to achieve LEED Silver certification. (see page 1 paragraph 2 of section III – see page 2, section D, item B)?

Answer 2. Unknown at this time.

Question 3. Is there a Contractor that they're already working with, or will this require to be publicly bid?

Answer 3. No contractor has been selected at this time.

Question 4. What is the proposed project budget?

Answer 4. \$2,883,923

Question 5. Is the land for the additional parking already secured?

Answer 5. Yes.

Question 6. How old is the existing building?

Answer 6. Three years.

Question 7. Was the existing building originally designed for a future second story addition? (ie; structural & code considerations for future growth)

Answer 7. Yes.

Company One – Submittal Three

Question 15. In our review of the second set of questions and answers, specifically question 1 from Company Eleven, the answer regarding a Design-Build delivery amends the original RFQ/RFP. It would seem to make sense for FIT to issue a clarification regarding the delivery method and change the request from an A/E submittal to a Design-Build submittal. This new scenario would also require additional time since a General Contractor has not had access to the original RFQ/RFP. Will FIT consider extending the deadline to January 11, 2012?

Answer 15. The Answer 1 to Question 1 from Company Ten did not amend the original RFQ.

Question 16. We would like a copy of the existing building plans. You indicated that we could request a copy – may we pick up the plans/disk today?

Answer 16. Yes. You may pick up the disk.

Company Nine – Submittal Two

Question 3. This states that it is a design-build project, but in most design-build projects a team of an Architect and a Construction company submit a RFP together. How will this one work?

Answer 3. Answer 1 to Question 1 submitted by Company Ten was intended to convey that FIT intends to hire an architect to design the project improvements and then FIT, with the help of that architect, will bid the actual construction to a contractor who will build it. Answer 1 to Question 1 from Company Ten was not intended to indicate that FIT was using a single contract to accomplish both functions, nor to trigger some additional meaning as a term of art.

The only Request outstanding from the Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow at this time is a Request for Qualifications Architectural and Engineering Design.

Company Ten – Submittal Two

Question 8. In response to one of our earlier questions regarding what the design method was for this project, FIT answered design-build. However in another earlier question FIT was asked “*when do you anticipate to start selecting contractor*”, and the response was “*unknown*”. If the intended method of design is design-build then should we format our response to the RFQ to include a contractor?

Answer 8. You should not format your response to the RFQ to include a contractor.

Question 9. If not should we only be responding architecturally and include engineering?

Answer 9. The RFQ requests architectural and engineering proposals.

Company Eleven

Question 1. Per Section VII, Item 14 (a), the length of the proposal is limited to a maximum of ten (10) pages (excluding content as listed in item (b)). Can you please clarify exactly what this means, based on the following options:

- a. Ten (10) sheets of paper with content only on the front side of each sheet?
- b. Five (5) sheets of paper with content on both the front & back of each sheet?
- c. Ten (10) sheets of paper with content on both the front & back of each sheet?
- d. Other _____

Answer 1. Ten (10) sheets of paper with content only on the front side of each sheet.

Question 2. Section VI, Item D, cites the “1991 ICBO Uniform Building Code”. Can you please confirm if this code citation is correct? If not, can you please provide the corrected citation?

Answer 2. The citation is correct. However, the RFQ speaks only to the minimum standard. Please refer to applicable current federal, state and local codes.

Question 3. Since this project primarily consists of a new second floor addition to the existing 1-story building, can you please confirm if the existing building (walls, roof, columns) was originally designed to accommodate these new (increased) structural loads? This makes a significant difference with respect to the structural design requirements for this expansion project. Additionally, if the original building was not designed to accommodate these increased loads, significant modifications (intrusions) into areas within the first floor may be required.

Answer 3. It was designed for a second level, but will require additional structural support.

Question 4. Although the project is intended to achieve LEED Silver Status, the list of scope of work items in Section V, Item B does not call-out a LEED consultant. Will FIT be handling this process internally?

Answer 4. No.

Question 5. If not, should respondents include this as part of their team of service consultants?

Answer 5. If you believe it to be appropriate.

Company One – Submittal Four

Question 17. Is it possible for a couple of our team members, Steve Richardson and Brent Wright, to meet or have a conference call with FIT representatives this Thursday?

Answer 17. No.