

NOTICE INVITING GENERAL CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION

The University of California, Irvine (UCI) requests the qualifications of general contractors wishing to submit progressive design build proposals for the **Gateway Plaza Access Improvements, Project No. 999608**.

Prequalification questionnaires will be accepted from design build teams consisting of a General Engineering (A) contractor teamed with a design firm that have completed comparably sized design build projects as described in the questionnaire.

DESCRIPTION: The project consists of the design and construction of a new accessible circulation system at Langson Library and repairs to the adjacent Gateway Plaza. The library is one of the original campus buildings designed by William Pereira. It opened in 1965 and occupies a prominent campus location.

A new ramp and stair will connect the main library entrance on the west side, second level, to the plaza. The elevation change is approximately 56 inches. A centrally located seating area is to be provided with the connecting feature. A temporary stair system will provide library access during construction. The project also includes the repair of the Gateway Plaza in 28 locations and installation of a cementitious topping throughout the plaza after repairs.

Preconstruction demolition work entails removing the existing library stairs, a portion of the existing concrete guardrail on the edge of the second-floor plaza, and some features in Gateway Plaza including paving, landscaping, and a large tree. Utility systems on the site are to be protected or revised during construction, including a vent outlet and an air intake for the library.

ESTIMATED CONTRACT TIME: 12 months

PROJECT DELIVERY: Progressive design build

ESTIMATED DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COST: \$1,750,000 - \$2,000,000

PROCEDURES: Prequalification questionnaires will be available electronically at **2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 12, 2024**, from UCI Design & Construction Services.

Mandatory Prequalification Conference begins promptly at **10:00 AM on Tuesday, June 18, 2024**, via Zoom meeting at <https://uci.zoom.us/j/98202348466>.

Prequalification questionnaires must be received by **5:00 PM on Friday, July 12, 2024**.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: Prequalification questionnaires will be accepted from prospective design build teams consisting of a General Engineering (A) contractor and a Design Firm (an architect, landscape architect, or engineering design firm) that have each completed comparably sized projects that meet the criteria listed below and demonstrate the Contractor’s ability to successfully complete the project with respect to project size, scope, cost, use, complexity, etc.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two (2) design build higher education, institutional, or similar public sector projects located in the State of California for which the construction cost was at least \$1 million each ▪ One (1) higher education, institutional, or similar public sector project that was constructed in a prominent location with heavy pedestrian traffic for which the construction cost was at least \$1 million ▪ One (1) higher education, institutional, or similar public sector project that integrated significant accessibility improvements into existing facilities for which the construction cost was at least \$1 million ▪ One (1) higher education, institutional, or similar public sector project that utilized Universal Design to provide a fully accessible and welcoming environment for a diverse community for which the construction cost was at least \$1 million ▪ Two (2) projects for which the Contractor self-performed at least 10% of the construction and for which the construction cost was at least \$1 million each |
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UCI reserves the right to reject any or all responses to Prequalification Questionnaires and any or all proposals and to waive non-material irregularities in any response or proposal received. To prequalify, Contractors must agree to comply with all proposal conditions including state prevailing wages, 10% bid bond, 100% payment and performance bonds, and insurance requirements. A contract will be awarded to the Design Build Team that offers UCI the best value.

All insurance policies required to be obtained by Proposer shall be subject to approval by University for form and substance. All such policies shall be issued by a company rated by Best as A- or better with a financial classification of VIII or better or have equivalent ratings by Standard and Poor's or Moody's. The Certificate of Insurance shall be issued on the University's form.

All information submitted for prequalification evaluation will be considered official information acquired in confidence, and the University will maintain its confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

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 or University policy. Each Proposer may be required to show evidence of its equal employment opportunity policy. The successful Proposer and its subcontractors will be required to follow the nondiscrimination requirements set forth in the Proposal Documents and to pay prevailing wage at the location of the work.

The work described in the contract is a public work subject to section 1771 of the California Labor Code.

No contractor or subcontractor, regardless of tier, may be listed on a Proposal for, or engage in the performance of, any portion of this project, unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 and 1771.1.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

The successful Prequalified Proposer shall pay all persons providing construction services and/or any labor on site, including any University location, no less than the UC Fair Wage (defined as \$15 per hour as of 10/1/17) and shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local working condition requirements.

Contact Brenda Medina (blduenas@uci.edu) and David Donovan (ddonovan@uci.edu) for the questionnaire. For other opportunities: www.designandconstruction.uci.edu.

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