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# OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

#186947

### Hatfield Marine Science Visitor Center Aquarium Replacement Project Re-Solicit

ISSUE DATE: February 6, 2017

RFQ CLOSING (DUE) DATE: February 28, 2017, 2:00 PM, Pacific Time

NO LATE RESPONSES WILL BE ACCEPTED

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## 1.0 Introduction:

Oregon State University is seeking qualifications from a General Contractor for the design and construction for the replacement of support structures and other systems servicing the Hatfield Marine Science Center's Visitor Center Aquarium Displays and update of the Displays. The firm is free to sub-contract as necessary to ensure a complete design and construction team.

It is OSU's intention to award both the Design Contract and Construction Contract to the selected firm.

Scope of services for the Design Contract will include the following phases: Program confirmation/Schematic Design, Construction Documents (including creation of construction proposal), Bidding/Permitting, Construction Administration including record documents and project closeout.

Scope of service for the Construction Contract includes Construction and Project Closeout.

## 2.0 Project Description:

The Hatfield Marine Science Center (HMSC) is a world-class marine science education and research institution located in the city of Newport, on the Central Oregon coast. It is run and maintained by Oregon State University. While its primary focus is on higher education and scientific research, there is also a public outreach component in the form of a visitor's center located on the grounds of the facility. Managed by Oregon Sea Grant, visitors learn about marine scientific research through static graphics, video presentations, hands-on interactives and live animal exhibits in touch tanks and enclosed aquaria.

The issues that OSU intends to address with this project are outlined in the report, [Review of Hatfield Marine Science Center Infrastructure and Gallery Strategies by Animal Exhibits and Design dated 2/29/16](#). In general, each of the seven display aquaria will need to be disassembled, placed on a new base structure, provided with new or renewed service systems including lighting, electronics and plumbing and re-assembled with an updated display. An update of the displays and the overall layout and presentation of the Visitor Center will be part of the scope, but must work within OSU's budget.

## 3.0 Prevailing Wage Requirements:

Installation of the aquaria will be subject to Prevailing Wage Rate Law ("PWR Law"). In compliance with the Oregon Prevailing Wage Law, the following is incorporated into this Solicitation:

On-site installation work performed by covered occupations under the Contract will be subject to the following BOLI wage rate requirements, which are incorporated herein by

reference:

- [January 1, 2017 PWR Apprenticeship Rates](#)
- [January 1, 2017 Prevailing Wage Rates for Public Works Contracts in Oregon](#)
- [January 1, 2016 Definitions of Covered Occupations for Public Works Contracts in Oregon](#)

These BOLI wage rates are available on line at:

[http://www.oregon.gov/boli/WHD/PWR/Pages/PWR\\_Rate\\_Publications\\_2016.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/boli/WHD/PWR/Pages/PWR_Rate_Publications_2016.aspx)

The work will take place in Lincoln County, Oregon.

#### 4.0 Design and Construction Timeline

Work will commence upon selection of the design team. OSU desires a target opening as close to March 1, 2018 as possible.

	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
<b>Program confirmation/Schematic Design</b>	<b>04/0217</b>	<b>05/2017</b>
<b>Construction Documentation</b>	<b>05/2017</b>	<b>07/2017</b>
<b>Permitting/Bid</b>	<b>08/2017</b>	<b>09/2017</b>
<b>Construction</b>	<b>11/2017</b>	<b>02/2017</b>

#### 5.0 Total Project Budget

The projected total project cost is approximately \$710,000 with a direct construction budget of approximately \$600,000 in late 2017.

#### 6.0 Selection Process:

This Request for Qualifications selection process will be conducted pursuant to the terms of this RFQ and OSU Standard 580-063, relating to the selection and retention of professional consultants and contractors. Once the qualification responses have been reviewed and scored, the top three (3) to five (5) firms will be invited participate in on-site interviews.

#### 7.0 Compensation:

OSU intends to select one General Contractor for both design and construction phases of the work contemplated under this RFQ. Furthermore, OSU intends to issue two separate contracts to the selected firm with one contract issued for the design portion and the other issued for the construction portion. OSU intends to execute the design contract first, followed by the construction contract, once the design has been finalized. The General Contractor is expected to procure an aquarium specialist for both phases.

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Compensation will be based on a total “not-to-exceed” amount for design services and reimbursable expenses, with “not-to-exceed” maximums for the following individual phases of the design: program confirmation/schematic design, construction documents, and permitting/bidding, construction administration including cost estimating and record documentation. Compensation for the construction services will be established as a fixed sum. The amount of compensation for the design phase will be negotiated with the respondent who has submitted the best qualifications (the Apparent Successful Respondent). **No cost proposal or price information is to be submitted with qualification responses.**

8.0 Evaluation Criteria:

Indicate in writing the following information about your firm’s ability and desire to perform this work. Qualification responses will be scored based upon the weight assigned to each item as noted in the parenthesis at the end of each statement below.

- 8.1.1 Provide a brief description of your firm and the focus of the practice. List the projects your firm is currently contracted for and at what stage the projects are in terms of completion. Also, include your firm’s total dollar volume for each of the last five years. (Weight: 10)
- 8.1.2 Describe your firm’s experience with design and construction of educational aquarium displays such as those at the Hatfield Marine Science Center Visitor’s Center. (Weight: 40)
- 8.1.3 Identify key personnel, including project designer and project manager along with those of sub-consultants proposed (particularly aquarium specialist and structural engineers), to be assigned to this project. Include proposed key personnel’s project experience, with specific examples and identify their roles in the projects. Indicate current availability, proposed percentage of project involvement per project phase and indicate whether the proposed team has worked together on previous projects. Highlight the individuals who participated in the project examples. (Weight: 40)
- 8.1.4 Workforce Diversity Plan  
Provide a description and identification of Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women Business Enterprise (WBE) or Emerging Small Business (ESB) certifications for the respondent and a description of the respondent’s nondiscrimination practices. Identify MWESB firms participating as part of the team. Provide any historical information on MBE, WBE or ESB Joint Ventures, subcontracting or mentoring plan, and utilization history for projects completed within the past three (3) years.

Provide a narrative description of your current workforce diversity program/plan, and the plan for obtaining subcontracting and consulting diversity for this project. Include a description of the outreach program or plan, including a schedule of events and specific steps that will be taken to maximize broad based and inclusive participation and the plan to provide mentoring, technical or other business development services to subcontractors needing or requesting such services.

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The successful respondent will perform the work and the contract with respect to diversity according to the means and methods described in its workforce plan described in the proposal, unless changes are requested and approved in writing in advance by OSU or are required by applicable laws, ordinances, codes, regulations, rules or standards. (Weight: 10)

9.0 References:

In addition to responding to the evaluation criteria above, provide the names, addresses and phone numbers of three owners, three sub-consultants, and three contractors to be used as references for this project. Verify that the individuals identified have had direct contact with the referenced project, and the phone number is current. Do not include references from any firms or individuals included in your team for this Project or any OSU personnel. OSU may check with these references and with other references associated with past work of your firm.

10.0 Selection Procedure and Timetable:

The selection procedure described below will be used to evaluate the capabilities of interested firms to provide the professional services to OSU for this project.

February 6, 2017	Issue RFQ
February 15, 2017 11:00AM	Mandatory site visit Meet at HMSC Visitor Center, Main Entrance
February 28, 2017	RFQ response due 2:00 PM, Pacific Time
March 15, 2017	Estimated Notification of finalists
March 21, 2017	Interviews with Selection Committee
April 7, 2017	Fee Proposal Deadline (Apparent Successful Respondent only)/Estimated Notice of Intent to Award
April 21, 2017	Estimated Contract Execution

A mandatory site visit is required as part of the selection process. The site visit will be held on February 15, 2017 at 11:00 AM as indicated above. Meet at the (main) entrance to the HSMC Visitor Center. A representative of each respondent's firm is required to attend. The site visit will be the respondent's main opportunity to discuss the Project with OSU. Responses will not be accepted from respondents who have not had a representative attend the mandatory site visit.

11.0 Evaluation Process:

This RFQ is the first step in a two-step process in the selection of the integrated design team. The responses to this RFQ will be evaluated by the selection committee, which will be comprised of representatives from OSU and other university personnel who do not score qualifications statements or rank finalists. On the basis of this evaluation, the selection committee will make its best efforts to limit the field of finalists to at least three (3), but not more than five (5), finalists to be selected for final consideration through interviews of each

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finalist and further investigation of references. OSU will utilize this RFQ process to obtain information to enable selection of the most qualified respondent through evaluation of:

- a. The respondents' responses to evaluation criteria in section 8 of this document;
- b. Information obtained during an interview of the respondents by the selection committee; and
- c. The results of discussions with the respondents' references and others.

Each criterion in the first step of the evaluation process has been assigned a weight between ten (10) and forty (40). Each member of the evaluation committee will rate each firm in each criterion between one (1) and five (5) (five being the highest), and multiply that number by the weight assigned to the criterion. The evaluation committee members will then total the weighted score from all of the criteria to obtain the total score. The result of this total score will be used to rank all respondents. The top ranked three (3) to five (5) firms will be invited to participate in on-site interviews.

The evaluation committee will meet and compare the individual evaluation committee member rankings. The committee will discuss firm strengths and weaknesses and the individual evaluation committee member scorings. The evaluation committee discussion will result in the consolidated ranking from which the finalists for interviews will be selected for step two of the process. The RFQ responses will be used in preparation for interviews of the finalists.

After all of the interviews are completed, the evaluation committee will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of the interviewed finalists. The committee will then rank the interviewed finalists in order of preference based on all information received, presented and heard during the interviews. The finalist that has the highest overall ranking will be deemed the Apparent Successful Respondent. Final ranking will be based on finalist's response to questions during the interview stage, and through that response, how well each finalist can meet the Project and University needs.

Interviews will include a 60-minute presentation period, immediately followed by a separate 30-minute Q&A session. Finalists should be prepared to address the following:

- Your firm's approach to aquarium display design and layout including thoughts on the Hatfield Marine Science Center's current Visitor Center layout and presentation.
- Your firm's approach and experience in staying within a project's budget.
- Your firm's approach to design safest, durable, maintainable aquarium display systems
- Specific challenges you anticipate for this project based on past project experiences and "lessons learned" from previous projects that you will incorporate to keep the project moving forward.

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If, during the discussion, the selection committee determines the interviewed finalists are too close to rank, the university has no recent experience working with a finalist, or if the consolidated ranking indicates a tie, the committee will check the references provided by the respondent as required by this RFQ. Information obtained from references may alter the committee's final ranking of finalists. Any alteration of final ranking will be based on committee's understanding of how well each firm can meet the needs of the Project and University.

OSU will then negotiate with the Apparent Successful Respondent the price and specific statement of work of a contract, consistent with OSU's Standard Architect's Agreement attached to this RFQ. If OSU and the Apparent Successful Respondent are unable to reach agreement, OSU will negotiate with the second-ranked respondent, etc.

### 12.0 Responsibility Evaluation:

OSU will investigate each respondent's responsibility in accordance with the requirements of Division 61 of OSU Standard Chapter 580, and will consider information obtained from any source as part of its evaluation, at any time prior to execution of a contract. Submission of a signed qualification response constitutes the respondent's approval for OSU to obtain any information OSU deems necessary to conduct the evaluation including, but not limited to, credit reports and information discovered during reference checks.

Financial Information: OSU will notify respondents, in writing, of any financial documentation required, which may include recent profit-and-loss history; current balance statements; assets-to-liabilities ratio, including number and amount of secured versus unsecured creditor claims; availability of short and long-term financing; bonding capacity and credit information.

OSU may postpone the award or execution of a contract in order to complete its investigation and evaluation. Failure to promptly provide complete information requested will render the qualification response nonresponsive. Failure of a respondent to demonstrate responsibility will render it non-responsible and constitute grounds for qualification response rejection.

### 13.0 Submission:

Submit ten (10) hard copy versions of your written qualification response, along **with one (1) electronic version on a thumb drive** to be received by the closing date and time listed in this document to:

Attention: Brooke Davison  
Construction Contract Administration  
Oregon State University  
644 SW 13<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Corvallis, OR 97333

Your qualification response must be contained in a document **not to exceed twenty-five**

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**(25) single sided pages (do not print double sided)**, including pictures, charts, graphs, tables and text the respondent deems appropriate to be part of the review of the respondent's response. Resumes of key individuals proposed to be involved in this project are exempted from the 25-page limit and should be **appended to the end of your response**. No supplemental information to the 25-page qualification response will be allowed. Appended resumes of the proposed key individuals, along with a transmittal letter, table of contents, front and back covers, and blank section/numerical dividers, etc., will not be counted in the 25-page limit.

Information should be **presented in the same order as the above evaluation criteria**. **The electronic qualification response should be sized appropriately for transfer (under 8 MB)**. The written response should be submitted in a **soft-bound** (comb or spiral, spiral preferred – no three-ring binders) format with page size of **8 ½ x 11 inches** with no fold-outs. The basic text information of the response should be presented in standard business font size, and reasonable (we prefer one (1) inch) margins.

**Your qualification response must be signed by an officer of your firm with the authority to commit the firm and contain contract information *including email* for communication purposes.**

OSU may reject any qualification response not in compliance with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements, and may cancel this solicitation or reject for good cause all qualification responses upon a finding by OSU that it is in the public interest to do so.

Note that OSU will not accept qualification responses or queries that require OSU to pay the cost of production or delivery.

OSU is an AA/EEO employer.

**Telephone, facsimile, or electronically transmitted submittals will not be accepted.**

**Qualification responses received after the closing date and time will not be considered.**

#### 14.0 Questions:

All questions and contacts with the OSU regarding any information in this RFQ must be addressed in writing, fax or email to Brooke Davison at the address, email or fax listed in this document no later than February 20, 2017 at 4 p.m. Pacific Time.

#### 15.0 Solicitation Protests:

You may submit a written request for clarification or change or protest of particular solicitation provisions and specifications and contract terms and conditions (including comments on any specifications or terms that you believe limits competition) to the Chief Procurement Officer in care of Brooke Davison at the address, email or fax listed in

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this document. Requests and protests must be received no later than February 11, 2017 at 3 p.m. Pacific Time. Requests or protests must state the reasons for the request or protest and any proposed changes to the solicitation provisions and specifications and contract terms and conditions.

16.0 Change or Modification:

Any change or modification to the specifications or the procurement process will be in the form of an addendum to the RFQ and will be made available in the form of an addendum posted to the OSU Business and Bid Opportunities (<http://bid.oregonstate.edu/>) website. No information published in any other manner will serve to change the RFQ in any way, regardless of the source of the information. Any request for clarification or change or protest of anything contained in an addendum not received by the date and time stated in the addendum will not be considered.

17.0 Selection Protests:

Any respondent to this RFQ who claims to have been adversely affected or aggrieved by the selection of a competing respondent may submit a written protest of the selection to OSU's Chief Procurement Officer, in care of Brooke Davison at the address given in the RFQ within three days after notification of that selection. Any such protests must be received by Ms. Davison no later than three days after the notification of selection has been made in order to be considered. The selection decision notification shall be made by OSU via posting the notification to the OSU Bid and Business Opportunities website ([bid.oregonstate.edu](http://bid.oregonstate.edu)).

18.0 Proprietary Information:

OSU will retain this RFQ, one copy of each qualification response received and an electronic copy of each qualification response received, together with copies of all documents pertaining to the award of a contract. These documents will be made a part of a file or record, which will be open to public inspection after OSU has announced an Apparent Successful Respondent or all qualification responses have been rejected. If a qualification response contains any information that you consider to be a trade secret under ORS 192.501(2), you must mark each trade secret with the following legend: **"This data constitutes a trade secret under ORS 192.501(2), and must not be disclosed except in accordance with the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS Chapter 192."**

The Oregon Public Records Law exempts from disclosure only bona fide trade secrets, and the exemption from disclosure applies only "unless the public interest requires disclosure in the particular instance."

Therefore, non-disclosure of documents or any portion of a document submitted as part of a qualification response may depend upon official or judicial determination made pursuant to the Public Records Law.

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In order to facilitate public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the qualification response, material designated as confidential must accompany the qualification response, but must be readily separable from it. Prices, makes, model or catalog numbers of items offered, scheduled delivery dates, and terms of payment will be publicly available regardless of any designation to the contrary. Any qualification response marked as a trade secret in its entirety will be considered non-responsive and will be rejected.

19.0 Project Termination:

OSU is seeking to award two contracts (one for design work and the other for construction work) for the work contemplated under this RFQ; however, OSU reserves the right to terminate the project and the agreement, at any phase in the project.

20.0 Insurance Provisions:

During the term of the resulting contract, the successful respondent will be required to maintain in full force, at its own expense, from insurance companies authorized to transact the business of insurance in the state of Oregon, each insurance coverage/policy as set forth in the Agreements.

21.0 Additional Requirements:

Pursuant to OSU Standard 580-061-0030, by submitting a qualification response, the respondent certifies that the respondent has not discriminated against Minority, Women or Emerging Small Business Enterprises in obtaining any required subcontracts.

Pursuant to OSU Standard 580-061-0040, respondents are hereby notified that policies applicable to consultants and contractors have been adopted by OSU that prohibit sexual harassment and that respondents and their employees are required to adhere to OSU's policy prohibiting sexual harassment in their interactions with members of OSU's community.

Enclosures:

OSU Sample Architect's Agreement

OSU Sample Public Improvement Agreement

OSU General Conditions for Public Improvement Contracts, November 1, 2016

Payment Bond Form

Performance Bond Form

[Review of Hatfield Marine Science Center Infrastructure and Gallery Strategies by Animal Exhibits and Design dated 2/29/16](#) (Enclosed via link, but not physically attached)

End of RFQ