NOTICE INVITING GENERAL CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION

The University of California, Irvine (UCI) requests the qualifications of general contractors wishing to submit design build proposals for the **CRII-3B CAMPUS GROOVED FITTINGS REPLACEMENT, PROJECT NO. 5112589 / CONTRACT NO. 994919.**

Prequalification questionnaires will be accepted from contractors possessing a General Building “B” and Warm-Air Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning “C20” license teamed with a design firm (Mechanical Engineer) or a General Building “B” contractor with a Warm-Air Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning “C20” subcontractor teamed with a design firm (Mechanical Engineer) that have completed comparably sized design build projects as described in the questionnaire.

**DESCRIPTION:** The project will comprehensively modify, replace, or eliminate all the grooved couplings in the chilled water systems of seven buildings: Bren Hall, Engineering Hall, Engineering Tower, Gillespie Neuroscience Research Facility, Hewitt Hall, Science Library, and Social and Behavioral Sciences Gateway. The University has experienced severe flood damage to several of its facilities caused by the failure of bolts holding grooved couplings together in chilled water systems.

The base scope of work will replace all existing grooved coupling assemblies in the chilled water pipes between the mechanical rooms and the air handler points of connection in all seven buildings with new, heavy-duty grooved coupling assemblies including stainless steel bolts and new gaskets. The scope of work is comprehensive of all appurtenant demolition, patching and painting of walls, ceilings, floors, etc. and the reinsulation of pipes disturbed in the process of replacing each fitting.

Alternates include rerouting new piping through the roofs and replacing all interior building fittings with welded pipe.

**ESTIMATED CONTRACT TIME:** 210 days

**PROJECT DELIVERY:** Brief Design Build

**ESTIMATED DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COST:** $4.5 – 6.5 Million

**PROCEDURES:** Prequalification questionnaires will be available electronically at 4:00 PM on Friday, April 30, 2021 from UCI Design & Construction Services.

Mandatory Prequalification Conference begins promptly at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 via Zoom Conference Call. Please contact Gustavo Valle at gvalle1@uci.edu for details.

Prequalification questionnaires must be received electronically by 5:00 PM on Thursday, May 27, 2021.

**PROJECT EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:** Prequalification questionnaires will be accepted from prospective design build teams consisting of a General Building “B” and Warm-Air Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning “C20” license teamed with a design firm (Mechanical Engineer) or a General Building “B” contractor with a Warm-Air Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning “C20” subcontractor teamed with a design firm (Mechanical Engineer) 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.

- At least three (3) projects located in the State of California inside a building that was actively occupied during construction and for which the construction cost was at least $1 million each
- At least one (1) project that required strategic scheduling and increased labor staffing to complete the work in a compressed time frame for which the construction cost was at least $500,000
At least one (1) project that included **new penetration of an existing roof and all necessary patchback and repair with associated roofing components** for which the construction cost of the roofing system replacement was $25,000

At least two (2) projects that included **new construction or replacement of hydronic system piping and insulation** for which the construction cost was at least $750,000 each

At least two (2) projects for which your firm **SELF-PERFORMED AT LEAST 10% of the construction**

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 $13 per hour as of 10/1/15, $14 per hour as of 10/1/16, and $15 per hour as of 10/1/17) and shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local working condition requirements.

Contact Gustavo Valle (949) 824-2088 gvalle1@uci.edu for the questionnaire. For other opportunities visit our Design & Construction Services and Facilities Management Bid Board: [www.designandconstruction.uci.edu](http://www.designandconstruction.uci.edu) and [www.fm.uci.edu/bidboard/index.php](http://www.fm.uci.edu/bidboard/index.php)

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