

**REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST
and Statements of Qualifications**

The University of Virginia, Charlottesville, invites highly qualified firms to submit Letters of Interest and Statements of Qualifications along with background information on Form HECO-16 (obtain adapted version from <https://www.fm.virginia.edu/depts/fpc/index.html>) for construction services related to the:

**Thornton Hall UVML Cleanroom Renovation
RFP # 16-113**

The University seeks to retain a Specialty Construction Firm to provide design build services for the renovation, upgrade, and expansion of the University of Virginia's Microelectronics Laboratory located on the ground floor, within Thornton Hall, on the Grounds of the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia. The successful firm will provide design, preconstruction, cost estimating, scheduling, construction phasing, subcontracting, construction management, phased turnover, start up, and certification in accordance with the provisions of the University of Virginia Higher Education Capital Outlay Manual, Facility Design Guidelines, and the project programming documents and multi-phased conceptual design currently under development. The University has determined that competitive sealed bidding is not practicable or fiscally advantageous; therefore, the contract will be awarded as a Design Build (DB) project delivery method.

Project Overview:

The Thornton Hall UVML Cleanroom Renovation Project will begin design and construction in the fall of 2017. The project consists of the renovation and upgrade of the existing cleanroom facility, while maintaining operations, including the construction of a Hazardous Process Materials and Waste Handling area, the renovation of cleanroom areas including Photolithography, Wet Processing, CVD, Sputtering, Etching, and Characterization. The University is contemplating the addition of a new Nano-Bio area that could be phased into the new cleanroom at a later date. The scope includes a Maintenance Shop area, and the replacement and upgrade of the makeup air and exhaust systems, deionized water generation capabilities, process vacuum system, process cooling water, and specialty gas delivery systems and services. In addition to the above, the project contemplates the inclusion of a new centralized Gowning Area, Lab Entrance, Conference Room, Imaging Suite, Common Area for collaborating, accessibility, building code/life safety upgrades, and the addition of emergency power systems.

Submittal Information:

The University is interested in demonstrated experience in the design and construction of similar projects within a university setting. Examples of previous work associated with this type of project is important as well as personnel who have had direct participation with these types of projects and experience working together on project teams. Examples of cost control, phasing, and scheduling are also important.

Where possible, all materials submitted should be fully recyclable. Submissions should be collated, on standard letter-sized paper and preferably clipped together without binding. To conserve paper, double sided printing is strongly encouraged.

Submittals will be evaluated and a short-list of firms selected. The selection of short-listed firms will be based on demonstrated qualifications in projects of this type and delivery method, ability to meet the proposed schedules, the quality and experience of the proposed team, the firm's plan for involvement of SWaM firms, project safety record (not the firm), and other criteria as the selection committee may determine appropriate. Only firms licensed to do business in Virginia will be considered. The short-listed firms will be issued a detailed scope of work/request for proposal and invited to present a more detailed proposal and oral presentation of their proposal, qualifications, and experience.

One (1) original and ten (10) copies, plus a .pdf version, of the Letters of Interest/Statements of Qualifications must be submitted by close of business (**nominally 5:00 PM**) on **July 11, 2017** to the attention of:

George Cullen, Contract Administrator for Construction

Facilities Planning & Construction
Facilities Management Department
University of Virginia
1000 Ednam Center, Suite 100
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Requests for Proposals (RFPs) will be issued on or about **July 18, 2017 to short-listed firms only**. RFP responses must be received no later than close of business (**nominally 5:00 PM**) on **August 22, 2017**. A pre-proposal meeting, for the short-listed firms only, will be held at the University of Virginia on a date and at a location to be announced. Site access for proposing teams, in addition to the pre-proposal site visit, can be arranged upon request.

Selected firms will be required to register in eVA (the Governor's electronic procurement web site, www.eva.state.va.us) prior to the deadline for submission of responses to the RFP to be eligible for the award of the contract. Company's own status and/or proposed use of Small, Women-owned and Minority-owned (SWaM) firms will be considered in the evaluation of proposals. SWaM firms must be registered with the Virginia Department of Small Business and Supplier Diversity (SBSD) in Richmond for verification and consideration. Quarterly reporting of expenditures to SWaM firms will be required for the selected contractor.

Questions may be directed to George Cullen at gec2n@virginia.edu or by fax at (434) 982-5108.

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By: George Cullen, Contract Administrator for Construction