

2009 Prequalification FAQ:

The following questions and answers are intended to clarify the process of the District's Design Build Prequalification. These will be posted to the website and included in the next addendum for reference. If a question you have is not covered here, please submit it in writing per the RFQ to designbuild@build-laccd.org

• What is the timeline for the New Step 1 RFQ?

Submissions are due April 30th, 2009. A comprehensive review of the submissions including District and College stakeholders and other agency representatives will then be conducted, with notification and establishment of new prequalified pools occurring in June 2009.

• Who should fill out the Statement of Interest Forms?

Any party who would like to receive a Pre-Qualification RFQ and subsequent addenda may fill out the Statement of Interest form. The questions on the Statement of Interest Form are for informational purposes only and are not binding or used for scoring.

• Who should submit a Pre-Qualification Submission?

Only the lead applicant of the submitting Applicant team should submit a package. Individual firms, disciplines or trades will not be prequalified separately.

• Who can be pre-qualified for the design-build process?

The Design-Build process pre-qualifies the following roles, trades and disciplines as components of a team: General Contractor, Architect (AOR), Structural/Mechanical/Electrical Engineer, Electrical/Mechanical/Plumbing/Concrete(Parking Structures) Subcontractor.

• Who would be considered an AOR (Architect of Record)?

The AOR would be the architectural firm who has partnered with the General Contractor as part of the Design-Build team. The AOR is the Design Firm responsible for coordination, stamping and submission to DSA, lead responsibility for the approval process as well as CA and closeout.

• How many teams will be prequalified in the 2009 Prequalification?

An additional 50% of the number of prequalified firms will be added to the existing Pools, plus the spots vacated by teams wishing to modify their team composition. For example, a Pool currently containing 12 prequalified teams will be opened up to 18 total teams. If none of the existing teams wish to modify and decide to remain, 6 additional spots will be filled by the 6 highest scoring

applicants to that category. If two existing teams decide to re apply with a new team make-up, then 8 new spots will be available and the top scoring eight teams submitting in that category will be added to the pool.

- **What is different about this next round of Step 1 Prequalification?**

The format and content of the RFQ will be predominantly similar to the 2008 version. The main differences will be the allocation of points as to the Subcontractors and Subconsultants will be reduced and the allocation to the GC and AOR will be increased. In addition, two new categories will be added: Small Projects and Renovations \$2.5 to \$5 Million, and Small Projects and Renovations over \$5 Million and under \$10 Million. The current General Classroom and Administration Less than \$25M will become \$10M to under \$25M, both for current members and new pool members. Also, for the Parking Structures category, the concrete subcontractor will be prequalified and the mechanical contractor will not be. Most of these modifications are a result of feedback sessions held with previously participating as well as non-participating firms.

- **Can currently pre-qualified GC/ AOR teams change our team members and remain prequalified?**

If you choose to modify your team composition, you will need to submit your qualifications for the 2009 RFQ. Upon Notification in June, Applications Received for a certain category using a General Contractor or Architect of Record already Prequalified in the Pool will cause the pre existing teams with that GC or AOR to be removed from the Pool and the spot(s) would become available to new Applicants. For example, if General Contractor A is currently prequalified with Architect A in the Laboratory category, and we receive a 2009 submission with Architect A teamed with General Contractor B, the currently prequalified team would be removed from the pool. The same would go for General Contractor A resubmitting, or both. The removal will occur regardless of the prequalified/ not-prequalified result of the 2009 submission. Until the notification, the current team in the current pool will be eligible and able to respond to Shortlisting Requests.

- **Are the limited dollar amount categories exclusive for the GC and AOR?**

Yes, General Contractors and Architects of Record may only appear in one of the 4 limited dollar amount categories: (1) New Construction and Renovations \$2.5M to \$5 M, (2) New Construction and Renovations over \$5 M to \$10 Million, (3) General Classroom and Administration \$10M to under \$25M, or (4) General Classroom and Administration greater than \$25M.

In Addition, GC's choosing to submit in categories (1) or (2) may not participate in any other category in the competition; if a GC submits in Small Projects and

Renovations \$2.5 to \$5 Million or Small Projects and Renovations over \$5 Million and under \$10 Million, they may not submit in any of the other project type categories.

•Could you provide examples of a project that would fall under “General Classrooms” and “Student Services and Food Services”?

An example of General Classrooms would be a Technology and Training Center. An example of Student Services and Food Services would be a Student Union Building.

•How many Applicant Pools may I apply for?

If a Design-Build team applies for either of the following Categories, “New Construction and Renovation \$2.5 M to \$5 M” or “New Construction and Renovation \$5 M to \$10 M” (a team may not apply to both of these Categories), then they may not apply to any other Categories.

If a Design-Build does not apply to either of these two Categories they may apply to as many of the remaining eight Categories as desired. However, a Design-Build team may not apply to both the General Classroom and Administration \$10M to \$25M and General Classroom and Administration greater than \$25M.

•If I am already pre-qualified in one category but want to apply to another category, can I do that? How would I answer the question on the Statement of Interest – “Were you previously a member of a prequalified team in one or more of the District’s Design-Build categories but are considering changing teams in one or more of these categories”?

You may. If you are not changing teams but merely applying to new Categories, you may check “No” to this question.

•When is the Statement of Interest due?

The District will no longer issue the RFQ 72 hours prior to the due date of April 30, 2009 at 4:00 pm.

• How many questionnaires should I fill out if I want to apply to more than one category?

If you are applying to one of the project-type categories or the General Classroom and Administration \$10M to \$25M or \$25 M and above, the primary questionnaire will be submitted.

If you are applying to the Parking Structures category, a separate questionnaire for the Concrete Subcontractor is substituted for the Mechanical Contractor. Finally, there are specific for the Category "New Construction and Renovation \$2.5 M to \$5 M", one for the Category "New Construction and Renovation \$5 M to \$10 M" as they have lesser dollar amount questions.

• Can we change categories from what we selected on the Statement of Interest?

Yes.

• Do the categories, (i.e., General Classrooms, Laboratories and Science Facilities, etc.), include new construction as well as renovation projects?

Yes all categories may include new construction as well as renovation projects.