

YWCA EL PASO DEL NORTE REGION
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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Young Women’s Christian Association El Paso del Norte Region (referred to as YWCA) is accepting statements of qualifications (SOQ) from qualified firms to provide architectural and engineering services for facilities improvements, upgrades, design, and construction oversight for the YWCA’s Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch. The purpose of this RFQ is to obtain information that will enable YWCA to select an architect that can assist YWCA with design and related renovation work associated with the facility improvements to the Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch located at 115 N. Davis Dr., El Paso, Texas 79907. YWCA desires to select an architect that can meet or exceed the design, budget, and schedule requirements set forth by YWCA. The firm’s architects must be Texas Registered Architects. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) provides potential respondents with vital background information and describes the desired services, guidelines for submitting a response, and the selection process.

Background Information

YWCA is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization formed as a women’s membership movement. YWCA is one of the largest in the nation, serving almost 40,000 households annually. The organization employs approximately 400 full-time and part-time employees. Revenues include fees for services, proceeds from special events, private foundation grants, and approximately \$31 million from federal contracts. YWCA is a non-profit corporation and has been determined to be exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. A Board of Directors composed of twenty-five (25) volunteers, the Chief Volunteer Officer being the President of the Board of Directors, governs the organization. The Board of Directors has hired a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to serve as the person in charge of YWCA’s daily operations. The CEO is ultimately responsible for and oversees the operations of YWCA’s programs, the personnel, the procurement process utilized by YWCA to purchase goods and services, and all financial and compliance matters of the organization.

The work of the agency ties to its mission which states, “The YWCA El Paso del Norte Region is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.” A majority of YWCA’s services focus on the well-being of families, women, and children, addressing areas of early childhood education, afterschool and teen programs, affordable housing for seniors and low-income households, health & wellness programs, and workforce and leadership development. YWCA is one of the largest regional providers of transitional housing for homeless women & their children and for survivors of sexual and family violence in the region. Far exceeding licensing standards, YWCA is the most experienced and devoted childcare provider in the region, servicing children of our El Paso community with the utmost care, quality, and respect within our seven (7) academies for early learning. YWCA is also the largest provider of licensed, high-quality afterschool programs in the region with over forty (40) locations. Through a contract with Workforce Solutions Borderplex (WSB), the Child Care Services (CCS) Division assists parents in meeting their childcare payments. YWCA also integrates social equality and empowerment activities throughout its existing programs. The organization also offers various community events designed to empower women and eliminate racism.

Administrative offices are located at 1600 Brown Street, El Paso, TX 79902. Other facilities are located throughout the city of El Paso. Activities and locations are further detailed on our website, www.ywcaelpaso.org, and on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Procurement Standards

Procurement of goods and services shall comply with the guidelines of 2CFR 200, OMB Circular A-122, A-110, or other applicable OMB Circulars, supplemented by the final rules promulgated by the Office of the Texas Governor under the Uniform Grants Management Standards, and the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Financial Manual for Grants & Contracts Chapter 14, Procurement. These guidelines require that all procurement transactions be conducted in a manner to provide, to the maximum extent practical, open, and free competition. Additionally, awards may only be made to organizations possessing the demonstrated ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of the contract agreement.

Eligibility to Respond

Organizations able to meet the technical specifications for quality and other terms of this RFQ proposal and not debarred and/or suspended from conducting business with federal and state-funded agencies are invited to respond. A prospective proposer must affirmatively demonstrate responsibility. A prospective proposer, by submitting an RFQ proposal, represents to YWCA that it meets the following requirements:

- Possesses or can obtain adequate financial resources as required to perform under this RFQ;
- Can comply with the required or proposed RFQ;
- Has a satisfactory record of integrity and ethics;
- Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award; and
- Be in good standing with the applicable national or state associations.

No contract(s) will be awarded to any respondent(s) that is/are on State or Federal sanctions, during the award phase of the procurement process.

Minority, disadvantaged, veteran-owned, and women-owned businesses that are certified by the State as Historically Underutilized Businesses are encouraged to respond to this RFQ.

For purposes of this RFQ, interested contractors are referred to as Proposers, Respondents, Bidders, or Applicants.

Authorized Agency Contact

All communications regarding this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) must be addressed solely to Rosa Lopez, Contracts Administrator, email at r.lopez1@ywcaelpaso.org.

To ensure a fair and competitive bidding environment, communication is prohibited between YWCA officials, employees, or representatives and parties involved in the bidding process that could create an unfair advantage to any party concerning the award of a YWCA contract. Communication is prohibited from the day that the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is advertised until the day that a recommendation of a contract award is made. Any person, including but not limited to, bidders,

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lobbyists, or consultants of bidders, service providers or potential vendors, and any YWCA board member, YWCA staff, and associated parties are precluded from entertaining any questions outside the written question process described below. Potential applicants are asked to respect these conditions by not making personal requests for assistance. No unauthorized methods or sources of responses or clarification are considered valid. Any violation of this process may disqualify an applicant.

Changes, Amendments, Withdrawal, Re-Issuance

YWCA reserves the right to amend or withdraw this RFQ at any time; reject any and all applications; re-issue this RFQ and/or waive technicalities and to accept the Statement(s) of Qualifications proposal which in its judgment is in the best interest of the agency and its employees.

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS

RFQ Packets

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packets will be available beginning on and after 4:00 P.M. MST on Monday, February 6, 2023, at the address listed on the cover page. Packets may be picked up in person or may be requested in writing to the address listed in the contact section. The RFQ will also be available on the YWCA website at www.ywcaelpaso.org.

Due Date and Delivery Method

The Contracts Administrator or authorized YWCA staff must physically receive responses to this RFQ. Sealed Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) packets must be received by:

4:00 P.M. MST on Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Responses submitted after this time will not be accepted under this RFQ.

Any reasonable delivery method may be used, except facsimile and email. Use of a traceable delivery method such as certified mail return receipt requested, guaranteed express service, or hand delivery is recommended. Submissions postmarked prior to the due date but received after the due date will not be considered. No email or facsimile will be accepted. YWCA will not be responsible for any lost or late deliveries.

RFQ Schedule

The following schedule of events is subject to change at the discretion of the YWCA. All requestors of this RFQ will be notified of any and all changes. All times shown in the RFQ are Mountain Standard Time Zone (MST).

Issuance of RFQ	February 6 – 4:00 P.M. MST
Announcement Published in the El Paso Times	February 6 and February 13, 2023
Non-Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference*	February 9, 2023- 11:00 A.M. MST
Deadline to Submit Questions	February 14, 2023– 2:00 P.M. MST
Questions and Answers Posted on the Website	February 15, 2023 – 5:00 P.M. MST
DUE DATE for Statements of Qualifications (SOQ)	Tuesday, February 21, 2023– 4:00 P.M. MST
DUE DATE for Project Reference Forms (PRF)	Tuesday, February 21, 2023– 4:00 P.M. MST

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SOQ Packets Opening**	February 22, 2023– 10:00 A.M. MST
Evaluation of Proposals	February 22-March 17, 2023
Potential Best and Final Interviews	To Be Announced (Week of March 13 to March 17, 2023)
Selection for Award	March 20, 2023

*The non-mandatory pre-proposal Conference will be held on February 9, 2023, at 11:00 A.M. MST at the following location:

YWCA Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch
 115 N Davis Dr.
 El Paso, Texas 79907

** The opening of bids will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 10:00 A.M. MST at our Administration Offices located at 1600 Brown Street, El Paso, Texas 79902. Bidders are not required to attend this event. If a firm is interested in attending, we ask that only one representative from the respondent attends the meeting.

Question & Answer Period

Prospective Bidder(s) may submit written questions no later than 2:00 P.M. on February 14, 2023. Submit questions via email to Rosa Lopez at r.lopez1@ywcaelpaso.org. Answers to questions will be posted on YWCA’s website located at www.ywcaelpaso.org. All answers issued in response to Respondent questions become part of the RFQ and the RFQ process. Respondents are encouraged to view the website frequently to ensure they are fully aware of the most current information. Notifications of changes or addendums will be posted through YWCA’s website. Prospective Bidder(s) who notify YWCA (r.lopez1@ywcaelpaso.org) that they may submit a sealed SOQ proposal will be notified of the amendment(s) to the RFQ packet and will be provided with answers to questions submitted or any other applicable clarification(s).

Submission of Statements of Qualifications (SOQ)

Official receipt of SOQ proposals will be entered on a receipt form issued by YWCA staff. Bidder(s) who mail an SOQ proposal will be sent a copy of this receipt upon request. Sealed SOQ proposals must be hand delivered or mailed to and labeled as follows:

YWCA El Paso del Norte Region
Contracts Department
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1600 Brown Street
El Paso, TX 79902

Timely delivery of SOQ proposals to the above address is the sole responsibility of the proposer. SOQ Proposals submitted via courier or overnight mail services will be considered hand-carried and must be received by the deadline.

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All SOQ proposals will become the property of the YWCA and will not be returned. No documents relating to this procurement will be presented or otherwise made available to any other person, agency, or organization until after the funding award. Any proprietary information should be clearly marked "Proprietary". All costs incurred in the preparation of an SOQ proposal responding to this RFQ will be the responsibility of the Proposer and will not be reimbursed by YWCA.

Contract Term Period

Any contract(s) awarded for the services delineated in the Scope of Services in this RFQ will be effective upon the determination of the award and a fully executed agreement. The contract(s) resulting from this procurement will be for a 2-year term. YWCA reserves the right to negotiate up to four (4) one-year contract renewals or until project completion when applicable and its contingent upon satisfactory performance, need, and availability of funds. A contractor performance evaluation will be required at the end of each year.

SPECIFICATIONS

By way of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ), YWCA seeks SOQ proposals from qualified firms to provide architectural and engineering services for a facilities design, assessment, cost estimate, and construction oversight of the Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch located at 115 N. Davis Dr., El Paso, Texas 79907. The purpose of this RFQ is to obtain information that will enable YWCA to select an architectural firm that can assist YWCA with design and engineering-related work associated with the facility improvements to the Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch. YWCA desires to select an architect that can meet or exceed the design, budget, and schedule requirements set forth by YWCA.

Scope of Services

The City of El Paso has granted the United States Department of Treasury American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFLRF) to YWCA for the design and construction of renovations to the Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch. Our goal is to contract with a highly-qualified firm that holds experience in successfully performing ARPA SFLRF-funded projects and is knowledgeable of the City of El Paso's Community Development Program as well as experienced in working with the Capital Improvements Department (CID). YWCA seeks an architect firm that will assist our agency in meeting compliance requirements with professional architectural, professional engineering, and other applicable standards that will result in the construction improvements of a safe, structurally sound, durable, functional, and attractive building suitable for the uses intended.

Project Location – YWCA Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch, 115 N. Davis Dr., El Paso, Texas 79907

Project General Requirements - The YWCA's Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch Improvement Project will include upgrades to the facility roof, secure foundation settling that addresses water drainage remediation work as in trenching, ponding, soil replacement; foundation underpinning, concrete slab, as well as repair of building structural and foundation damage to infrastructure. The project includes

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upgrading the facility's sustainable infrastructure and promoting energy efficiency through the replacement of evaporative cooling units; dated plumbing, heating, and electrical fixtures, construction and demolition as needed to reallocate facility space in a manner that will increase client intake abilities and abilities to provide direct client services across all YWCA mission-based program areas with a focus on childcare capacity restoration and capacity scaling for the Escobar Academy for Early Learning Center. Additional scope of work items may be added dependent on funding availability and determined priorities by the Administration team in collaboration with the Facilities Committee.

The architect firm will provide design plans, specs, and cost estimates for each design phase. There will be three design phases: preliminary, pre-final, and final. The preliminary design phase should produce plans that are approximately 65% complete. The pre-final design phase should produce plans that are approximately 90% complete. The final design phase should produce plans that are 100% complete with very little need for only minor changes to the design plans. The Department of Community and Human Development should receive two copies of design plans for each design phase. Also, a preliminary cost estimate, a pre-final cost estimate, and a final cost estimate are due with the relevant design plans. Additionally, a complete and final specs book is due with and is to be delivered with the final design plans and final cost estimate. The relevant review meeting should be scheduled at the time the design plans are delivered. The City of El Paso Capital Improvement Department will provide compliance management services; thus the architect firm is expected to work with the City and YWCA staff to meet compliance requirements for this project. Contractors and subcontractors must adhere to the federally-approved wage rates and fringe benefits in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act and Related Acts.

The architect shall provide to YWCA, all of the architectural, design, and/or engineering services as required herein, to complete the funded project. The architect's services shall include but not be limited to those described below, and include all structural, civil, acoustical, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and engineering services, and any other services necessary to submit a turnkey design product. The Architect shall assist YWCA with report data gathering and completion of federal reporting requirements issued by the City of El Paso to include but not limited to form HUD 60002. Time is of the essence; therefore, it's imperative for YWCA that the project shall be completed in the most efficient and timely manner. **Final completion of the renovation project must be finished by January 2025.**

Services Required from Architect: Design, Construction, Construction Administration

Products Required from Architect: A/E Contract, Cost Estimates, Plans, City Reports and Specifications

Facility Assessment – Facility reports generated to include, but not limited to, identification of the renewal needs of the building to include rehabilitation/renovation of the existing building to bring the facility into compliance with all known codes (City of El Paso Building Codes, ADA/TDLR, Life Safety Codes, Fire Safety Codes, etc.); energy savings opportunities, exterior site conditions, and detailed analysis of visually detectable deficiencies in the building components and systems. Evaluate the condition of the proposed facility including the structural, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems to determine if any repairs, replacements, and/or upgrades will be necessary to effectively remodel the structure to accommodate more efficient facility operations. Provide these assessments with a

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recommended cost for structure, roof/envelope, and MEP system infrastructure, identification of items necessary to restore the facility to acceptable standards, and identification and prioritization of any necessary repairs or infrastructure liabilities.

Facility Design – Design services including:

- Provide schematic design documents to renovate YWCA Branch and program facilities. Early in the design, the firm shall coordinate the selection of the materials and equipment, if any, with YWCA. The architect shall perform schematic design services to keep the project within all budget, time, and scope constraints set by YWCA, unless otherwise modified by written authorization by YWCA. Creation of conceptual site plans and building designs on YWCA aesthetics and architectural standards, YWCA USA branding, and the results of previously conducted facilities assessments. Redesign of exterior elevations of facilities and key interior spaces (such as program service spaces, lobbies, child care areas and meeting rooms). Provision of renderings in a user-friendly electronic format. Creation of hardcopies/posters of new exterior and/or new interior renderings – size 24" X 36" matted on foam board and laminated. Provision of construction drawings, plans, and/or surveys in electronic and hardcopy formats to YWCA and project contractors. Reports will be provided with at minimum two (2) original hard copies and one (1) reproducible master disk or flash drive prepared or converted to Microsoft Office Software (Word, Excel, etc.) or PDF, and schematic drawings in a file compatible with both AutoCAD and PDF.
- Survey and analyze the present and projected programmatic and space requirements of the facility; conduct in-person interviews with management staff and the Facilities Committee to further clarify these requirements.
- To determine and select the most optimal concept, there will be a need for meetings with management and the Facilities Committee to gain input, review findings and recommendations and agree upon the most feasible design concept; the firm should anticipate several presentations to stakeholders such as to the members of the Facilities Committee, Board of Directors and management team.

Project Cost Estimate – Provision of cost estimates for facility rehabilitation and component construction project based on conceptual designs completed, facility assessments completed and current market conditions in El Paso County, Texas are to be provided in a most efficient and timely manner. The architect shall assist YWCA in determining the phasing of the project that will most efficiently create the least amount of disruption to agency services and result in timely completion of the project. The architect shall provide a written preliminary evaluation of the project's schedule, and construction budget requirements. Such evaluation shall include alternative approaches to the design and construction of the project. Budgetary estimates shall be provided for each project in a file compatible with MS Excel. Provide Registered Architect Certification for the cost breakdown. The architect shall immediately notify YWCA of adjustments in previous estimates of the construction cost arising from market fluctuations or approved changes in scope or requirements.

Construction Oversight – Selected firm shall provide project oversight and act as the YWCA's agent in construction. The architect shall secure preliminary agency approvals and notify YWCA in writing as to

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the actions YWCA must take to secure formal approvals. The firm shall assist with the contractor bid process and provide assistance in writing RFPs for construction projects and assist in selecting contractors and/or in directing and overseeing contractors in coordination with YWCA Project-assigned personnel that will have oversight of the Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch Renovations project. The architect shall assist YWCA in obtaining required approvals from governmental agencies and any other entities including, but not limited to, those responsible for electrical, gas, water, sanitary or storm sewer, other public utilities, the fire department, zoning planning department as well as any other necessary entities.

General Requirements

Respondent is required to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations, YWCA policies and procedures, and the terms and conditions of this contract as follows:

- Provide General Liability Insurance as required by YWCA policies.
- Demonstrate the ability to provide the requested services.
- Comply with budget constraints and the appropriate billing procedures.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

General Guidelines

To be considered for award, each respondent must submit an SOQ proposal and other supporting documentation in accordance with these instructions. When evaluating an SOQ proposal, YWCA will consider how well the respondent complied with these instructions. YWCA will consider any failure on the part of the respondent to comply with these instructions to be an indication of the type of conduct it can expect during contract performance. Therefore, YWCA encourages respondents to contact the Authorized Contact by email to request any additional clarification that may be needed to comply with these instructions.

Format

Each respondent is required to submit one (1) signed original, two (2) copies, and one (1) reproducible master disk or flash drive prepared or converted to Microsoft Office Software (Word, Excel, etc.) or PDF of the complete proposal response. The original must be marked "ORIGINAL" on the cover sheet and contain signatures, where applicable. Double-sided printing is allowed. All responses must be typed and will become the property of the YWCA. All responses, forms, and attachments must be submitted on standard 8.5 by 11-inch paper, and either stapled or bound together. Font size must be no smaller than 12 points, single space.

Each copy of a completed Statement of Qualifications must contain all of the following documents in the order indicated.

- a) **Attachment A:** Proposal Cover Sheet - Must be signed by the individual having contract signature authority.
- b) **Attachment B:** Organizational Capacity Form

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- c) **Completed and Signed Statement of Work:** Proposal Narrative and Scope of Work – Interested firms must submit their qualifications that contain the following information: Include a brief summary of your company’s background, capabilities, and qualifications for the staff. Describe your organization’s capacity to manage and provide the services proposed. Include for example staffing, an organizational chart with lines of authority, resumes of key management staff, and identification of all staff, by position and responsibilities. Describe your organization’s past experience and performance in operation and provision of a similar type and complexity as described within the RFQ.
- d) **Attachment C:** Project References – All firms shall submit a Project Reference Form for all three (3) references; please see Project Reference Form (PRF) and its instructions on page 16.
- e) **Attachment D:** Franchise Tax Account
- f) **Attachment E:** Proof of General Liability Insurance
- g) **Attachment F:** Assurances and Certifications – The individual having contract signature authority as indicated on the cover sheet in Attachment A must sign the Assurances and Certification Document. Do not re-type this document, use the copy provided with this RFQ.
- h) **Attachment G:** Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Certificate (if applicable) – If the Respondent’s organization is HUB certified, enter the certification on the cover sheet and attach a copy of the HUB Certificate.

Minimum Qualifications and Evaluation Criteria

The firm will be selected through a qualifications-based selection process. Firms interested in providing architect and engineering services must submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) that addresses the following issues:

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

The proposed architect firm and/or its team members shall comply with the following qualifications:

The proposed architect firm and/or its principals shall have a minimum of five (5) years of design experience in capital improvement projects.

Demonstrated experience with projects of similar complexity. Demonstrated experience working with City-funded projects and working with Community Development and Capital Improvements departments of the City of El Paso.

The firm must be knowledgeable with design standards and requirements, all applicable City Codes and Ordinances, and with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations, including but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The architect firm shall have the following skills and abilities: must know how to use project management software; prepare and formulate independent cost estimates and cost analysis, prepare detailed request for proposals; prepare back up documentation for Change Orders; prepare detailed project schedules using Gantt Charts and adhere to them; Review architectural and engineering drawings and specifications; effective conflict resolution skills; effective communication skills, both verbal and written; willingness to meet with stakeholders; multi-task several activities; effective negotiation skills; effective organizational skills; track project and activity status; follow-up on pending

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items; economize project resources; effective public relation skills; prepare daily and monthly reports; review pay applications; keep a photo log; and maintain an accurate and current submittal log.

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

YWCA will award the contract to the bidder(s) that submits a bid which represents the best value to the agency. The best value shall not be based solely upon price but on the bid that receives the highest cumulative score for each of the evaluation factors delineated herein.

Each response will be awarded a numerical rating based on the information provided by the respondent, up to the maximum number of points indicated for each area of consideration. There are 100 points available. The following are the criteria that YWCA will use to evaluate the Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) received in response to this RFQ.

Organizational Capacity: Qualifications and Experience (Maximum 54 Points)

Details demonstrating how the firm is most qualified; highlighting unique qualifications, company size, years in business, licenses and certifications, etc. The proposed project team's experience demonstrating qualifications for this project. The proposed managers experience demonstrating qualifications for this project. Professional qualifications and specialized experience of the proposed staff including the quality of the respondent's professional personnel to be assigned to projects and the quality of the respondent's management support personnel to be available for technical consultation and/or assistance.

Project Approach and Project Management (Maximum 40 Points)

The firm's understanding of the objectives, products and services required and its approach/solution to fulfilling the objectives, products and services required and addressing any anticipated challenges and/or associated risks. The firm's team approach, strategies, and practices for coordination of project team and sub consultants. Details on the management tools, techniques and procedures the consultant uses to maintain the project schedule and for the determination of budget cost estimates.

Past Performance and References (Maximum 6 Points)

All responses will be reviewed for the respondent's demonstration of successful past performance in carrying out services similar to those sought by YWCA. Experience and expertise of the respondent in providing similar services of comparable size and scope, especially to non-profits and/or civic organizations. Evaluation of information for three (3) contracts establishing past performance relating to services similar to those sought by YWCA including the Contracting Agency, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and point of contact; beginning and ending dates of contracts; a brief synopsis of the services performed. Evaluation of prior customers' satisfaction with the work of the firm and ability to meet deadlines imposed.

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) (5 Points, Tie Breaker)

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In the event that two (2) or more responsive proposals, and end up with a tie score the following criteria will be used as a tie-breaker:

A respondent that is State HUB certified and has provided the organization's State HUB Certification Number of the Cover Sheet (Attachment A) and attached a copy of the State HUB Certificate (Attachment H) will be awarded five (5) points.

The bonus points will not be added to the total score but are only used to break the tie scores between bidders.

Governing Provisions

YWCA reserves the right to contact any individual, agencies, or employer listed in a response to the RFQ, to contact others who have experience and/or knowledge of the Respondent's relevant performance and/or qualifications, and to request additional information from any and all respondents.

YWCA reserves the right to negotiate the terms of any and all agreements with Respondents selected and such agreements negotiated as a result of this RFQ may be re-negotiated and/or amended to successfully meet the needs of the agency.

The contents of a successful application may become a contractual obligation if selected for the award of a contract. Failure of a Respondent to accept this obligation may result in cancellation of this award.

V. ATTACHMENTS

The following attachments are to be submitted with the proposal in the order indicated in this RFQ.

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ATTACHMENT A: PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

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Legal Business Name: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Person & Title: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Company Website: _____

Authorized Representative Signature: _____

Authorized Representative Printed Name and Title: _____

Tax/Legal Status:

_____ State Government Agency	_____ Local Government	_____ Union
_____ Community College	_____ Local School District	_____ Non-Profit
_____ Private For-Profit	_____ Other: _____	

Federal Employer Identification Number: _____

Texas State Comptroller ID Number: _____

Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Certification Number: _____

ATTACHMENT B: ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY FORM

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FIRM BACKGROUND AND STAFF INFORMATION

Year Present Firm Established: _____

Name of Parent Company, if any: _____

Address of Parent Company: _____

Year Parent Company Established: _____

Former Company Name(s) if any, and Year(s) Established: _____

Number of Registered Architects in Firm: _____

Number of Employees in Firm: _____

Total Employees in Firm (All Office Locations): _____

STATEMENT OF WORK NARRATIVE COMPONENTS:

Organizational Capacity: Qualifications and Experience

1. Explain why the proposer is the most qualified firm to provide the requested services. Highlight unique qualifications of the firm and of the key team members.
2. Identify the team member that will serve as the Project Manager.
3. Describe the responsibilities of each team member assigned to the project.
4. Provide a summary of each team member's qualifications and experience, including a resume, and the office/location where that team member is based.
5. Identify all firms associated with the team including an organizational chart identifying the relationship between the principal and associate firms, if any.

Project Approach and Project Management

1. Provide a detailed description of your approach and process for completing the project.
2. Explain the management tools, techniques, and procedures your firm will use to maintain the project schedule.
3. Describe the tools and process your firm uses to provide preliminary budget cost estimates.

Explain each team member's availability to work on this project.

ATTACHMENT C: PROJECT REFERENCES

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PROJECT REFERENCES These references will be indicative of your firm’s past performance and therefore full details of your project’s success will be used to determine the firm’s ability to provide YWCA with similar requested services described in scope of work. Please list three (3) projects that would be representative of your firm’s work and are similar to the requested services provided in the past 5 years. Summarize these three (3) similar projects for which the consultant was responsible. Project summaries should include the following: description of the project, including size, scope, cost and timeline; description of services rendered by the firm; degree of involvement (principal or associate); associate firms involved and their assigned roles; key principal and associate staff involved, along with their assigned responsibilities; summary of design challenges and solutions; and include names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses.

1) Project _____

Entity _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Information (Telephone & E-Mail) _____

Project Description (Include Project Size, Scope and Cost) _____

Services Provided & Date (Include Completion Timeline) _____

2) Project _____

Entity _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Information (Telephone & E-Mail) _____

Project Description (Include Project Size, Scope and Cost) _____

Services Provided & Date (Include Completion Timeline) _____

3) Project _____

Entity _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Information (Telephone & E-Mail) _____

Project Description (Include Project Size, Scope and Cost) _____

Services Provided & Date (Include Completion Timeline) _____

ATTACHMENT C: PROJECT REFERENCES

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PROJECT REFERENCE FORM (PRF)

Directions: Request three (3) Public or Private Agencies for which you have substantially completed similar work. Provide this form to the Owner or Owner’s representative directly responsible for oversight of the project to complete and submit via email prior to the date and time listed below. If the form is received after the date and time specified, it will not be accepted. If your firm has not completed prior projects with YWCA, your firm will not be penalized.

SOQ Due Date and Time: **February 21, 2023; 4:00 P.M. MST**

NAME OF FIRM TO BE EVALUATED _____

NAME OF PROJECT AND DATE COMPLETED _____

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Has the above-referenced project reached substantial completion? (Circle one) Yes No
- 2. What project delivery method was utilized? (Circle one) Designed-Bid-Build Design-Build CMAR
- 3. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being poor, 10 being excellent), how would you rate this firm’s performance on the following: **Rate: 1 – 10** _____

How would you rate work performed by this firm on your project? _____

Was the project completed on time? _____

Was the project completed within budget? _____

What was the quality of the work performed? _____

Was staff proactive in solving problems that may have occurred on your project? _____

What was the extent of staff turnover? (1=high staff turnover, 10=low staff turnover) _____

Would you be willing to contract with this firm again? (1=No, 10=Yes) _____

Total Points (maximum 70 points)

Name of Agency or Firm Submitting Evaluation _____

Name of Person Submitting Evaluation _____

Phone Number and E-Mail Address of Evaluator _____

Please email this form directly to Rosa Lopez at r.lopez1@ywcaelpaso.org by the time and date shown above.

ATTACHMENT D: FRANCHISE TAX ACCOUNT

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Franchise Tax Account Status

All vendors must attach a copy of their current Franchise Tax Account Status from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. Out of state respondents should submit Certificate of Good Standing from their state of operation. The Web Site address to obtain this certificate is:

<http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/coasintr.html>. If the Franchise Tax Account Status is not applicable, the respondent must indicate as such and provide a reason for non-applicability i.e., non-profit organization, sole proprietorship, etc.

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ATTACHMENT E:

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Proof of General Liability Insurance

YWCA will require the architect selected to maintain professional liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000. All vendors must provide proof of General Liability insurance in the form of a certificate of liability insurance. A certificate of insurance showing commercial general liability for the limit of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, issued by a company duly authorized to issue insurance in the State of Texas, and providing that such policy shall not be cancelled for any reason without thirty (30) days prior written notice by insurer to YWCA and naming the YWCA El Paso del Norte Region as additional insured.

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ATTACHMENT F:

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Assurances and Certifications

The authorized representative agrees to comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations governing YWCA El Paso del Norte Region and any other applicable laws and regulations.

The authorized representative certifies that the proposing organization possesses legal authority to offer the attached proposal.

The undersigned Respondent certifies that neither it nor its principals:

- (1) Are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal or state department or agency;
- (2) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction, violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- (3) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with commission of any of offenses enumerated in Paragraph (2) of this section; and
- (4) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application had one or more public transactions terminated for cause or default.

Conflict of Interest: The undersigned Respondent certifies that:

- (1) Their organization has not prepared this bid in collusion with any other vendor and that the contents of this bid have not been communicated by the organization or its agent(s) to any other person engaged in this type of business.
- (2) No manager, employee or paid consultant of the Bidder is a member or is married to a member of the YWCA Board, President, or an employee of YWCA El Paso del Norte Region;
- (3) No member of the YWCA Board of Directors, or an employee of YWCA owns or has any control in the Bidder's organization;
- (4) No member of the YWCA Board of Directors or employee of YWCA receives compensation from Bidder for lobbying activities;
- (5) Bidder has disclosed within the proposal response any interest, fact or circumstance that does or may present a potential conflict of interest.
- (6) Should Bidder fail to abide by the foregoing covenants and affirmations regarding conflict of interest, Bidder shall not be entitled to the recovery of any costs or expenses incurred in relations to any contract with YWCA and shall immediately refund the YWCA any fees or expenses that may have been paid under the contract and shall further be liable for any other costs incurred or damages sustained by YWCA relating to that contract.

Acknowledgement of Cooperation regarding Affirmative Action

YWCA El Paso Del Norte Region, as an equal opportunity employer, has developed an affirmative action plan and has an ongoing commitment to hire and develop the best people we can find, basing our judgment on their job-related qualifications. For this reason, we are asking your assistance and cooperation in actively recruiting and referring qualified applicants for all jobs without regard to race,

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gender, religion, national origin, ethnic background, age, disability, political beliefs or veteran status. Because of our commitment as an equal opportunity employer, we request your service to include active recruitment of qualified minority and female applicants for all positions when available.

The undersigned authorized representative affirms that she/he is duly authorized to sign proposals on behalf of the organization. The undersigned authorized representative of the respondent herein certifies that the statements above pertaining to Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Conflict of Interest; and Nondiscrimination are true and correct as of the date of submission.

Respondent must notify YWCA El Paso del Norte Region in writing if the authorized signatory changes.

Certified by:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Printed Name of Authorized Representative

Title of Authorized Representative

Business Name

Date

ATTACHMENT G:

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HUB Certificate

Respondents certified as a Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) in the state of Texas should submit a copy of the HUB certificate.

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