

## NOTICE TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS

The Florida International University Board of Trustees announces that construction management services will be required for the project listed below:

Project Name and Number: International Hurricane Research Center, BT-885

Project Location: This facility will be located at Florida International University, University Park.

Project Description: The International Hurricane Research Center (IHRC) at Florida International University (FIU) promotes a multi-disciplinary research mission focused on mitigating hurricane damage to people, the economy, and the built and natural environments. The IHRC has received funding from the State of Florida to construct its own building near the National Hurricane Center. This building will be one-of-a-kind and house the foremost hurricane impact research center in the world. Therefore it needs to be a signature building, both in design and construction materials, to promote outreach, education and fundraising for naming opportunities. The building is being planned as a dedicated structure to house each of the IHRC's four labs; a wind tunnel, a seminar/training room and an educational, interactive lobby, a marquis feature of the structure. Since the wind tunnel will be a significant and prominent feature of this project, firms will be evaluated with an emphasis on experience related to wind tunnel construction or any comparable complex scientific laboratory equipment experience.

This new building will not only house academic researchers, but will also serve as a hub for coordinating with federal and state agencies, such as the National Hurricane Center and the National Weather Service's Miami Weather Forecast Office, NOAA's Hurricane Research Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and Florida Division of Emergency Management and other governmental agencies. The new facility will bring nationally and internationally acclaimed researchers to collaborate with FIU hurricane scientists and engineers, students, business and the community at large.

Firms desiring to provide construction management services for the project shall submit a letter of application and a completed Construction Manager Qualifications Supplement form. Proposals must not exceed 80 pages, including the Construction Manager Qualifications Supplement and letter of application. Pages must be numbered consecutively. Submittals, which do not comply with these requirements or do not include the requested data, will not be considered. No submittal material will be returned.

All applicants must be licensed to practice as general contractors in the State of Florida at the time of application. Corporations must be registered to operate in the State of Florida by the Department of State, Division of Corporations, at the time of application. As required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a construction management firm may not submit a proposal for this project if it is on the convicted vendor list for a public entity crime committed within the past 36 months. The selected construction management firm must warrant that it will neither utilize the services of, nor contract with, any supplier, subcontractor, or consultant in excess of \$15,000.00 in connection with this project for a period of 36 months from the date of their being placed on the convicted vendor list.

The Construction Manager Qualifications Supplement (CMQS) form and the Project Fact Sheet may be obtained from the web-site <http://facilities.fiu.edu> (find project under Selection Process Information). Requests for meetings by individual firms will not be granted. Once the firm acquires the required forms, questions may be directed to Facilities Planning at [padillag@fiu.edu](mailto:padillag@fiu.edu) or (305)348-4090.

Six (6) bound copies of the required proposal data will be submitted to: Selection Committee. Facilities Planning, Florida International University, University Park, CSC 142, Miami, Florida 33199.

Submittals must be received between **8:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. or 1:30 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. local time, July 20, 2009**. Submittals will not be accepted before or after the times and date stated above. Facsimile (FAX) submittals are not acceptable and will not be considered.