

NOTICE TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

Florida International University Board of Trustees announces that Professional Services in the discipline of Architecture will be required for the project listed below:

Project Name and Number: International Hurricane Research Center, BT-895

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.

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. The new facility will bring nationally and internationally acclaimed researchers to collaborate with FIU hurricane scientists and engineers, students, and the community at large.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Firms desiring to apply for consideration shall submit a letter of application.

The letter of application should have attached:

1. A completed (former Board of Regents) "Professional Qualifications Supplement (SUSPQS)," dated September 1999. Applications on any other form will not be considered.
2. A copy of the applicant's current Professional Registration Certificate from the appropriate governing board.

An applicant must be properly registered at the time of application to practice its profession in the State of Florida. If the applicant is a corporation, it must be properly chartered by the Florida Department of State to operate in Florida. Submit six (6) copies of the above requested data bound in the order listed above. Applications that do not comply with the above instructions will not be considered. State of Florida Minority Business Enterprise certification is no longer requested. Application material will not be returned.

The plans and specifications for the project are subject to reuse in accordance with the provisions of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes. As required by Section 287.133, Florida Statutes, a consultant 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 consultant 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 University reserves the right to suspend or discontinue the selection process at any time and to return or reject any or all submissions of qualifications without obligation to the respondent. The award of this contract is subject to availability of funds. If additional funding is realized, the University has the option to incorporate additional scope/ funding under this contract. Project development including professional services is contingent upon availability of funds.

Professional Qualifications Supplement and the Project Fact Sheet forms may be obtained on-line at <http://facilities.fiu.edu>. Requests for meetings by individual firms will not be granted. Submit qualifications to: Selection Committee, Florida International University, Facilities Planning, Campus Support Complex, Room 236, University Park, Miami, Florida 33199, by 2:00 PM local time, on March 18, 2008. Late submittals shall be disqualified. Facsimile (FAX) submittals are not acceptable and will not be considered.