



# FIU

Florida International University

## INTERNATIONAL HURRICANE RESEARCH CENTER BT-895

### NOTICE OF INFORMATION No. 4

**1. Given the “one of a kind” nature of this proposed building, it is difficult to imagine a team that does not include “specialty consultants”. Are we to assume that the basic services identified under Item #3 of the PQS form to be the only professionals for whom we should provide resumes, and the only professionals who will be considered as part of the evaluation process?**

**The evaluation and selection process is based on the basic design team. If the Applicant feels that its team will require the services of a specialty consultant, it should indicate for which disciplines it will require specialty consultant(s) at the end of section 3. If the Applicant firm has specialty expertise in-house, it may be indicated. Specialty consultants may be added but not named for the selection process.**

**2. What is the exact weighting of the 5 Evaluation Criteria identified within the RFQ?**

**The Evaluation and Selection Committee will evaluate qualifications based on the following point system:**

**Firm's Experience with Comparable Projects (PQS #7) = 20 points**

**Key Personnel Qualifications & experience (PQS #5b & #8) = 20 points**

**Unique Qualifications & Services provided by design team (PQS #3 & #8b) = 20 points**

**The average of individual committee scores will be used to determine rank order of the top ten firms. For the highest ranked 10 firms, scores in the following categories will be added to determine the final short list rank:**

**Work in Progress (Attachment 6) = 5 points**

**Volume of Previous FIU Work (Attachment 7) = 5 points**

**Location Rating (Attachment 8B, Table B) = 20 points**

**Short listed firms will be publicly announced on the facilities.fiu.edu web page and subsequently invited to interview with the Evaluation and Selection Committee. Each invited firm will be provided with a detailed building program and specific subject matter to be covered at the interview. Scores from the short list meeting will be added to scores from the interview to determine the final ranking. Interview scores will be generally based on the following criteria:**

**1. Understanding of the Project Requirements, (20 points) –** Finalists will be evaluated on their ability to communicate and thoroughly demonstrate their understanding of the nature and requirements of the project.

**2. Approach and Method, (20 points) –** Finalists shall explain their approach and methodology, emphasizing planning and design management methods they will employ to plan, design and administer the project, including procedures to assure timely performance of the work.

**3. Ability to Provide Service, (20 points) –** Finalists shall specify why they are uniquely qualified to undertake this project.