NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

Project Name and Number: Social Sciences International Building, BT-835  
Project Location: This facility will be located at Florida International University, University Park.  
Project Description: The proposed building will jointly house International Studies and the International School. The building should provide a striking physical symbol of the international dimension of the University’s mission and identity. It should provide a state-of-the-art venue for the many activities – classes, lectures, workshops, performances, conferences, and faculty and graduate student research-that constitute the agendas of its occupants. It should invite faculty, students, and others to linger over their work, and to interact over lunch, coffee, or casual conversation. It should impress the constant stream of prominent foreign visitors that find their way to FIU. It also should enhance the external reputations of the centers and institutes, departments, and school that inhabit it. The project will also require campus utility infrastructure improvements to service the building and future building sites. It will contain an approximate total gross square footage of 57,712 with a construction budget of approximately $14 million.

Selection Background: On November 22, 2005 a shortlist meeting was conducted and 5 firms were invited to present presentations and interviews. On December 8, 2005 presentations and interviews were conducted with the 5 invited firms.

The FIU certification and selection committee has recommended no fewer than three firms in ranked order for the President’s approval. The President has requested a public meeting to interview the certification and selection committee regarding the committee’s recommendation with the intent of making a decision on behalf of the Board of Trustees to negotiate a contract in accordance with section 287.055, Florida Statutes.

The meeting will be conducted as follows:

**DATE:** February 16, 2005  
**TIME:** 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Campus Support Complex Room # 1123

Individuals requiring a reasonable accommodation in order to attend and participate in the public hearing must contact Facilities Planning & Construction at 305-348-4090, a minimum of three (3) working days prior to the public hearing.