

PROJECT FACT SHEET

BT-927 Trish & Dan Bell Chapel & BT-929 East Loop Road Realignment

Modesto Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This notice is for Architect/Engineer services for the combined east loop road realignment and a new chapel building to be constructed on the MMC Campus. FIU intends to merge these two projects together as one to help ensure cost efficiency and coordinated construction workflow sequencing. Individual project names and numbers from the two facilities programs will be retained to separate accounting of project components. The work on the combined project has been authorized and funded through completion of design. Funding for construction work will require additional authorization by the FIU Board of Trustees.

Project Description - Chapel:

FIU embraces a multi-dimensional experience for students— engaging the mind, body, and spirit – to provide the necessary foundation for our students to develop as well-rounded persons, professionals, citizens, and world changers. The Trish and Dan Bell Chapel intends to serve as the pivotal venue on campus that enhances the spiritual component of the student experience at FIU, creating a community united by faith. FIU intends to build a multifaith chapel – a quiet oasis from the fast pace of university life. Not inherently a temple, mosque, synagogue, church, or gurdwara, the chapel will be a welcoming place for all faiths. It will be a place where spiritual inquiry is encouraged and serve as a gathering place for worship, contemplation, spiritual strengthening, and understanding. It will offer a sanctuary and auxiliary spaces for ceremonies, lectures, retreats, prayer, spiritual guidance, and individual reflection. FIU hopes that the multifaith chapel will help draw individuals to deep thought and encourage them to intentions of human betterment and a commitment to action that will make a positive difference in the lives of others.

With over 16 active faith-based groups and devoted student clubs at FIU, a shared space for discovery and understanding will facilitate their work. Although FIU's faith-based groups all meet on campus, there is currently only one dedicated space in student-support facilities to accommodate them – a small 250-square-foot room. There is no dedicated space for directors of faith-based groups to hold office hours or meet with interested members of the university community.

Located on FIU's main campus on the lake adjacent to the Ronald W. Reagan Presidential House, the chapel will serve as a celebratory center for religious life-stage milestones and as an impromptu place of respite for any who are in need of solace and peace.

The main space in the chapel will seat up to 250 persons and there must be sufficient meeting space for leaders in our multifaith community to have offices to meet with and counsel individuals from the university community in privacy and confidence. The building should include several smaller spaces allowing for group meetings and smaller-scale events to take place simultaneously within the chapel. A small reflection room should be accessible 24/7 via a separate entrance. Per the gift agreement, there shall be an appropriately-sized bell tower on the exterior of the chapel, preferably the roof.

The design challenge is to create a space which celebrates the shared values and principles of our multifaith community while not relying on the display of religious symbols. It is expected the building architecture should visually grab your attention; generating curiosity, collaboration and extend feelings of welcome and belonging. There is a desire to use elements of nature as inspiration to express the shared spiritual experience which is unique to the planet we inhabit. The design should emphasize sustainable design practice. The University is

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committed to producing buildings that comply with sustainable energy conservation strategies and standards (minimum LEED Silver Certification).

Project Description – Road Realignment:

The East Loop Road project seeks to realign a part of the original campus loop road to enhance traffic flow and improve turning radii for large vehicles servicing the Graham Center. It is intended that this project create a larger available site area east of the Graham Center Ballrooms to allow expansion of Graham Center meeting facilities as well as allowing/enhancing bus and VIP pickup, drop-off and valet parking for Graham Center events.

Partial filling of Lake #4 (a man-made borrow pit) will be required as part of this project.

This Project shall be coordinated with “Trish & Dan Bell Chapel” so that a suitable site for construction is created adjacent to Lake #4 including required drop-off, service access and clearance from lake edge. If practicable, stub-outs or sleeves shall be provided to the Chapel site so that the newly realigned road will not have to be cut for Chapel utility connections.

This Project shall include design considerations for tram, cart and/or van routes and bus stops being proposed or developed in the area by FIU that may cross or parallel or be located on the campus loop road. Bus shelters located along the loop road in areas where it is to be realigned, shall be relocated along the realigned road.

This road realignment project may be done in two phases. The mandatory first phase is from near the entrance of Parking Lot #35 south to the north part of the traffic circle on SW 16th Street. If budget allows or additional funds become available, a second phase of work may be included to complete work north from Parking Lot #35 to the area indicated in diagrams on pages VII-1 and VIII-1 of the Program published on the project website.

Note:

Applicants are hereby notified that in the event the University is unable to secure full funding, the University intends to proceed only with design and construction of fully funded project components, if any.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All information submitted is subject to the Laws of Perjury as set forth in Chapter 837.06, F.S. The following minimum qualifying information is required by an Applicant to be eligible for consideration:

1. Letter of Intent and Summary Introduction narrative highlighting qualifications/legal nature of organization including proposed organization chart.
2. Completed "Florida International University Professional Qualifications Supplement (FIUPQS)." The latest version of the official FIUPQS forms (FIUPQS_08_2015) must be downloaded from the FIU web site at https://facilities.fiu.edu/projects/BT-927_and_BT-929.htm. Applications on any other form will not be considered.
3. Copies of the applicant’s current Professional Registration Certificates from the appropriate governing board for the Applicant firm, its consulting engineers and all key professional personnel to be used on

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the project. If the applicant is a corporation, it must be properly chartered by the Florida Department of State to operate in Florida.

4. Location Proximity (highway distance) of Applicant's nearest established, fully staffed office to the Modesto A. Maidique Campus.

Firms will be evaluated in the following areas:

Recent and Current Workload – Evaluation of current phases of work in progress/manpower allocation in response to current workload.

Adequacy of Personnel – Applicant's experience and availability to perform the required services in light of its current workload.

Experience and Performance Record – Performance with respect to projects comparable in type, size and complexity for the most recent five-year period. Experience evaluation shall be on the basis of the firm's principals and project manager's experience with institutional or other public agencies. The committee may take into consideration personal knowledge of the applicant's past performance evaluations with the University.

Services Provided by Applicant and Proposed Consultants – Unique qualifications with respect to the project, including specialized equipment, awards or recognition received, special approaches, management tools or concepts developed.

Volume of FIU Work Previously Awarded – Volume of work on project(s) previously awarded by the University for the past five years with the objective of effecting an equitable distribution of contracts among qualified Applicant firms, provided such distribution does not violate the principle of selection of the most highly qualified firm.

The Selection Committee shall review qualifying information submitted and score applicants in terms of points on a numerical scale assigned to criteria identified in the FIUPQS form and instructions. Total points for each firm shall be converted to a ranked order by each selection committee member. Selection for interview is based on total combined numerical rank points from each committee member for all applicants. Sample score sheets and instructions to the selection committee are included in the FIUPQS forms for reference.

SELECTION SCHEDULE

The anticipated schedule for selection, award, and negotiation is as follows:

- **Call for proposals** in Florida Administrative Register: [Friday, March 12, 2021](#)
- **PQS Applications Due:** [Thursday, April 8, 2021](#)

Submit twelve (12) bound copies of the required proposal data and one electronic copy in Adobe Acrobat PDF format of the requested qualifications to: Selection Committee, Florida International University, Facilities Planning, 11555 S.W. 17th St., Room #142, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida. 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, Thursday, April 8, 2021. *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.

- **Shortlist Meeting:** [Thursday, April 29, 2021](#)
- **Final Presentations and Interviews:** [Friday, May 28, 2021](#)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Any change in the schedule or other additional information will be posted on the FIU web site https://facilities.fiu.edu/projects/BT-927_and_BT-929.htm. Applicants should check the web site daily. Any question or explanation desired by an applicant regarding project or any part of the process must be requested in writing to griffith@fiu.edu (cc: angpaz@fiu.edu). Responses to questions and requests for information will be posted on the facilities web site. An effort will be made to respond to all applicant questions; however, the University is not obligated to and may choose not to answer every question. Please make sure you thoroughly read all instructions included with the FIUPQS form before making an inquiry.
2. The University is not liable for any costs incurred by the Applicants prior to the issuance of an executed contract. The University reserves the right to suspend or discontinue the selection process at any time and to reject any or all submissions of Architect/Engineer 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.

FIU HAS CREATED STANDARD CONTRACT FORMS AND STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO A/E'S FOR A/E SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE PROCESS. THESE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND CAN BE FOUND AT <http://facilities.fiu.edu/formsandstandards.htm>. ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD REVIEW THE APPLICABLE FIU CONTRACT FORM AND STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY PRIOR TO MAKING A DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT TO RESPOND TO THIS ADVERTISEMENT.

The selected consultant must warrant that it will neither utilize the services of, nor contract with, any supplier, subcontractor, or consultant in excess of in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017, Florida Statutes for CATEGORY TWO in connection with this project for a period of 36 months from the date of their being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Pursuant to §448.095, Fla. Stat., the selected consultant will have to certify that it is registered with and uses the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system to verify the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the consultant during the term of its contract with FIU. If the consultant enters into a contract with a subcontractor to perform work or provide services pursuant to its contract with FIU, the consultant shall likewise require the subcontractor to comply with the requirements of §448.095, Fla. Stat., and the subcontractor shall provide to the consultant an affidavit stating that the subcontractor does not employ, contract with or subcontract with an unauthorized alien. The consultant shall maintain a copy of such affidavit for the duration of its Contract with FIU. This section serves as notice to the consultant regarding the requirements of §448.095, Fla. Stat., and FIU's obligation to terminate the contract if it has a good faith belief that the consultant has knowingly violated §448.095, Fla. Stat. If terminated for such reason, the consultant will not be eligible for award of a public contract for at least one year after the date of such termination. Further, FIU has an obligation to order the immediate termination of any contract between the consultant and a subcontractor performing work on its behalf should FIU develop a good faith belief that the subcontractor has knowingly violated §448.095, Fla. Stat. FIU reserves the right to request documentation from the consultant evidencing its compliance with §448.095, Fla. Stat. at any time during the term of the contract.

All applicants should review Section 448.095, Fla. Stat. carefully.

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3. In order to minimize the possibility of unethical pressures or influences on the recommendations of the Selection Committee, direct contact with the committee members throughout the selection process is not permitted. The committee members are:

Trish Bell, Community Leader and FIU Foundation Board Member
Valeria Espina, Executive Director & Head Strategic Initiative
James Wassenaar, Director Facilities Planning Academic & Student Affairs
Howard Lipman, SVP, University Advancement/CEO, FIU Foundation
Jaime Canaves, Professor Architecture, CARTA
Jose Toscano, Senior Director, Student Life and Development
Thomas Hartley, AVP Parking & Transportation
Martha Torres, Construction Project Manager III
John Cal, Assoc VP Facilities Management
Danny Paan, Director Physical Plant

The goal of this committee is to assess the Applicants on an equitable basis. Committee members shall serve throughout the screening process for a project until selection is completed. (Committee members may be substituted by the University prior to the short list meeting without further notice).

The Selection Committee will make a recommendation to the President of Florida International University. **All finalists will be notified in writing of the President's action.** Upon approval by the President, negotiations will be conducted in accordance with Section 287.055, Florida Statutes.

4. All team members of the selected firm should clearly address each of the selection criteria as appropriate within the submittal package.
5. The results of this screening process will be posted on the FIU Facilities web site at https://facilities.fiu.edu/projects/BT-927_and_BT-929.htm. Pursuant to Florida Board of Governors Regulation 14.023, any qualified applicant who is adversely affected by the University's decision may file a written notice of protest within 72 hours after receipt of this notice. Failure to file a notice of protest within the time prescribed in Florida Board of Governors Regulation 14.023 shall constitute a waiver of the right to protest proceedings.
6. Finalists will be notified and informed of the interview date and time via email and will be provided with additional project information, and the topics to be covered in the oral interview. The Building Program has been posted and is available on the same web page as the Legal Advertisement and this Project Fact Sheet. The Committee shall be free to ask a Finalist any question it deems relevant to its decision in ranking the Finalists. As outlined in the **Florida International University Professional Qualifications Supplement (FIUPQS)**, in making its decision the Committee shall take into consideration, in addition to the information requested above, the following factors:
 1. **Understanding of the Project Requirements** – The Applicants are evaluated on their understanding of the requirements and needs of the project as demonstrated by their project teams, including consultants. The Applicants shall be rated on the completeness of their understanding of the factors which are unique to the project, including the thoroughness

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demonstrated in analyzing and investigating the scope of the project and in preparing for the interview.

2. **Approach and Method** – Finalists shall explain their approach, management and design methods they will employ to plan, design, and administer during construction of the project, inclusive of procedures to assure timely performance of the work.

3. **Ability to Provide Service** – The Committee will evaluate the Applicants' ability to meet the Owner's required timetable and to provide for any special or unique requirements of the project, including a projected time line of activities through project completion. The Applicants should be asked to discuss their ability to fulfill each project requirement and to describe all other projects on which team members are currently involved. Results of reference checks are considered in this category. It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify contact information for all references listed on the FIUPQS is up to date at the time of the application. The preferred method of communication with the references is via email.

7. Applicants shall not include specialty consultants in their team. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be grounds for disqualification. 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) according to the instructions in the **FIUPQS** form.

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