

## **NOTICE TO ARCHITECT/ENGINEERS - BT-914 International Center for Tropical Botany**

The Florida International University Board of Trustees announces that services in the discipline of Architecture/Engineering are required for the project identified below:

Project Name and Number: International Center for Tropical Botany, BT-914

Project Location: 3959, 3961 and 3965 SW 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. / Douglas Road, Miami, Florida

Project Description:

This project is the development of a new academic and research Center for FIU on a site adjacent to “The Kampong” – a National Register of Historic Places listed site that was the home of David Fairchild. The Kampong is now one of five gardens managed by the National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG), a Congressionally-chartered non-profit organization. The mission of the International Center for Tropical Botany (ICTB) is to study tropical plants and the resources they provide; to develop solutions that ensure the conservation and sustainable use of tropical plants in order to preserve tropical plant diversity for posterity; to provide research-based knowledge and tools to preserve and sustainably use tropical plants and to foster programs to educate future generations of tropical plant biologists. In addition, the collaboration with the NTBG will make available to students and faculty access to the garden of The Kampong as well as the other four NTBG gardens located in Hawaii for individual and joint research and teaching opportunities.

The NTBG has conveyed three lots located adjacent to The Kampong to FIU, for the purpose of constructing the ICTB Building consistent with the Joint Operating Agreement dated April 9, 2014 and the FIU Academic Plan for the ICTB. FIU will fund the construction of the facility through a generous \$5 million donation equally divided between and received from the Batchelor Foundation, Inc. and the William R. Kenan, Jr. Charitable Trust for the specific purpose of construction.

Based on the currently available funding, the ICTB plans to construct the following spaces/square feet:

- Large Classroom - 800 SF
- Conference/Seminar Room - 320 SF
- Specimen Preparation Lab - 350 SF
- Herbarium Storage and Work Lab – 2,500 SF
- Office Suite – 2,315 SF

The gross area of the building is expected to be approximately 10,909 GSF plus additional site features including the following:

- Outdoor Plant Shade House – 1,400 SF
- Outdoor Pavilion – 1,000 SF

The design work for this project includes planning site improvements including landscaping and a parking area. Based on the scope of work described above, the total building construction cost is approximately \$3,628,905 and the total project cost is \$5,000,000. The University is committed to producing buildings that comply with sustainable energy conservation strategies and standards (minimum LEED Silver Certification).

The project scope may be increased by the University, in its sole discretion, to include additional spaces/square feet should a funding source for such scope increases be identified prior to project completion. The total building construction cost and the total project cost may increase, at the University’s sole discretion.

Applicants are hereby notified that that in the event the University is unable to secure full funding necessary for either the initial project components or added components, the University intends to proceed only with design and construction of fully funded project components and phase(s), if any.

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### INSTRUCTIONS:

Firms desiring to apply for consideration shall submit a letter of application. The letter of application should have attached:

1. A completed "Florida International University Professional Qualifications Supplement (**FIUPQS**)." The latest version of official **FIUPQS** forms (FIUPQS\_08\_2015) must be downloaded from the FIU web site at <http://facilities.fiu.edu/projects/BT-914.htm>. 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 eight (8) 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, Campus Support Complex, 11555 S.W. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Room CSC142, Modesto A. Maidique Campus, Miami, Florida 33199. Applications that do not comply with the above instructions will not be considered. Application material will not be returned. 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.

The plans and specifications prepared by the A/E 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.

**FIU HAS CREATED STANDARD CONTRACT FORMS AND STANDARD INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO A/E'S FOR A/E AND OTHER LICENSED PROFESSIONAL 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 Project Fact Sheet, which describes the selection process schedule for this Project and additional information regarding the Project scope, may be obtained from the web-site <http://facilities.fiu.edu/projects/BT-914.htm>. 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 (305)348-4090 or via email to [griffith@fiu.edu](mailto:griffith@fiu.edu), cc: [mazorras@fiu.edu](mailto:mazorras@fiu.edu)

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, Friday, September 25, 2015. **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.

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