



DATE: October 21, 2013

SUBJECT: Baker Engineering & Science Building Renovation,  
Penn State Beaver

TO: Architectural Firms

The Pennsylvania State University intends to renovate the Michael Baker Building located in the core of the Penn State Beaver campus. The 26,000 GSF facility, constructed in 1968, houses offices, chemistry labs, computer engineering labs, general classrooms, and an Art Studio. Following a feasibility study done by Renaissance 3 Architects, we are now in a position to proceed with the project with the goal of improving functionality and energy efficiency for the entire facility. The scope of the project will include:

- Renovation of approximately 26,000 GSF.
- Renovation of existing restrooms for ADA compliance.
- Abatement of existing hazardous materials.
- Update of science labs and classrooms.
- Replacement of windows and the addition of new window openings.
- Building system renewal.

We have prioritized completion of certain portions of the building; therefore, a phasing strategy will be required. The total project budget including soft costs and FF&E is \$8,000,000. We expect to begin program validation and design in February, 2014; complete design by December, 2014; begin construction in March, 2015; and complete construction by June, 2016.

If your firm is interested in pursuing this project, please submit the following:

1. A brief statement detailing your firm's unique qualifications for designing facilities of this type and scope. Include a sampling of your previous relevant experience and graphic examples representative of your architectural designs.
2. Your firm's vision of what, beyond purely functional issues, constitutes the essence of this type of facility. To indicate to the Screening Committee your understanding of the uniqueness of this project, discuss some of the issues that are important in the design of a project of this type.

Please submit to my office eight hard copies of your response by Noon on November 12, 2013 and limit your submission to five, single sided, 8-1/2 x 11 pages; you can add a cover letter if desired. Please include the name and email address of your firm's contact individual for this project. If you have any questions regarding this request please contact Philip Popowicz, the Project Manager, at 814-865-3790.

The University will use a qualifications based selection process with long list, short list and interviews. The Screening Committee will select a long list of approximately ten firms from the

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respondents to this letter. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be posted to this website by November 21, 2013. The RFPs will be due in my office by Noon on December 18, 2013. Three

firms will be chosen from the RFP respondents and interviewed the week of January 13, 2014. The results will be announced at the Board of Trustees meeting on January 17, 2014 and posted to this website.

Sincerely,

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cc: Screening Committee