



DATE: August 12, 2011

SUBJECT: EAB Addition and Renovation,
Penn State Harrisburg

TO: Architectural Firms

Over the past few years Penn State Harrisburg has experienced a substantial increase in its student population. In order to help address this increase, we need to provide additional classroom and laboratory space and with that goal in mind, we commissioned the firm of WMF to perform a feasibility study that would help us determine a strategy to accomplish this and establish the scope of the project.

The outcome of this study calls for a total renovation of the existing Educational Activities Building (EAB) and construction of a phased addition. The EAB is a 17,000 GSF, 2-story building that was originally built as barracks in 1959, and has undergone several renovations since then, including the addition of an elevator in the 1990's and interior reconfigurations. The building structure appears to be in good shape but is not suitable for current instructional needs in its present configuration.

This project will provide new laboratories with support spaces and offices for Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering as well as General Purpose Classrooms. Total area of new construction is expected to be approximately 17,000 GSF. The total project budget including all soft costs and FF&E is \$10,500,000. We expect design to commence immediately with occupancy by August 2013.

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 September 1, 2011 and limit your submission to five, single sided pages. 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 me or Adam Dent, Project Manager at afd101@psu.edu.

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 respondents to this letter. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be posted to this website by September 13, 2011. The RFPs will be due in my office at noon on October 6, 2011. Three firms will be chosen from the RFP

respondents and interviewed during the first or second weeks of November, 2011. The results will be announced at the Board of Trustees meeting on November 11, 2011 and posted to this website.

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