



DATE: December 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Steidle Building Renovation,
University Park

TO: Architectural Firms

The University intends to renovate Steidle Building which is one of our historic buildings dating back to 1931. This 86,000 GSF building, designed by Charles Klauder and located in the campus core, houses the Department of Materials Science and Engineering and our goal is to transform it into a modern research and educational facility that will ensure that Penn State maintains its reputation as having one of the premier departments in this field.

The objectives for the renovation include the following:

- Redistribute faculty, staff and student spaces to enhance departmental community and efficiency.
- Establish suites of labs to support research clusters. Provide shared research facilities in cluster areas.
- Replace the building's mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems.
- Upgrade utility infrastructure to the building, including connecting the building to the campus chilled water system.
- Restore the architectural components, including masonry façade, roof, and exterior doors.
- In keeping with our commitment to environmental sustainability we expect that this facility will, at a minimum, attain USGBC's LEED Certified Level.

This project will be phased with the first phase total project budget, including soft costs and FF&E, currently estimated at \$20,000,000. We estimate that the ultimate scope, including phase one, will have a total project cost, again including soft costs and FF&E, of \$40,000,000. The scope of work of this letter is limited to program validation followed by complete design of phase one and schematic design of the remaining scope. We expect to begin program validation immediately and start construction in early Fall 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 January 6, 2012 and limit your submission to five, single sided pages. Please include the name and email address of your firm's contact

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individual for this project. If you have any questions regarding this request please contact me or Lisa Berkey, Director of Design and Construction, at 814-865-7187 or lab2@psu.edu. Please be aware that the University will be closed from December 23, 2011 to January 3, 2012.

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 January 18, 2012. The RFPs will be due in my office at noon on February 10, 2012. Three firms will be chosen from the RFP respondents and interviewed around March 2, 2012. The results will be announced at the Board of Trustees meeting on March 16, 2012 and posted to this website.

Sincerely,

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