



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

EXECUTIVE DESIGN ARCHITECT

For

NEW EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT CENTER

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (UC/ANR)

DESERT RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER (DREC)

HOLTVILLE, CALIFORNIA

UC/ANR is seeking an Executive Design Architect (EDA) team to provide full services for a new building project to be developed and delivered with the traditional 'design-bid-build' approach.

The mission of UC/ANR is to engage the University with the people of California, providing education and extension opportunities to achieve innovation in fundamental and applied research.

DREC has provided agricultural research and education in the Imperial Valley desert and specializes in vegetable crops, alfalfa, desert cattle feeding, irrigation and drainage management and pest management. The Center services more than 95,000 clients each year in various capacities. Given the remote location of the DREC, the site is one of few community resources in the area and serves as a gathering point for agricultural producers, K-12 students, college students, researchers, commodity boards, agricultural production associations and members of the public.

The proposed project is a new +/-7,500 sf building to provide computer and classroom space for on-site and remote learning, in addition to multipurpose and engagement space to better serve existing programs. Supporting spaces may include reception space with educational display, kitchen space to support on-site meal preparation as well as demonstration and teaching opportunities. Surrounding exterior spaces will be developed to provide informal meeting and assembly space, opportunities for hands-on style education and showcase activities of organized groups such as Master Gardeners.

The full Qualification packet is available at <http://ucanr.edu/facilities> and includes:

- Summary of ANR lead programming and planning effort to date
- Proposed project schedule
- Statement of Qualifications forms
- Insurance Requirements and Submittal Format Requirements
- Selection Criteria to be used to review submissions and advance successful applicants to shortlist final interview.

Submit written statements of qualification on or before *March 31, 2023, 5:00 PM*. Questions and format requirements may be obtained by contacting: Vkovacevic@ucanr.edu

A screening committee will determine a shortlist of firms; further steps in the selection process will be at the selection committee's discretion. Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons, regardless of race, religion, sex, color, ethnicity, and national origin, have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University. Firms will be asked to show evidence of their Equal Employment Opportunity Policy.

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