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RFQ Number: FM260346

Project Name: West Goleta Slough Tidal Restoration Project

Background and Introduction: The University of California, Santa Barbara requests a written response to this Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) No. FM260346 from qualified professionals interested in providing detailed project feasibility studies, alternatives analyses and selection reports, participation in outreach and, if approved, 30% design of selected alternatives, environmental review/SERP, 65% design, regulatory permitting and engineering to support culvert replacement for the West Goleta Slough Tidal Restoration Project. Hydrological and civil engineering firms with relevant experience and expertise designing and permitting comparable tidal salt marsh restoration projects are encouraged to respond.

The selected consultant or firm will support the evaluation of the feasibility of returning and expanding tidal flow to historic wetlands of the Western Goleta Slough currently owned by UCSB (Storke Wetlands) and CDFW (Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve) by preparing a set of recommendations based on technical studies using baseline conditions assessments, site hydrology and hydraulics studies, habitat and flood response studies of a set of proposed conceptual alternatives. These conceptual alternatives, their feasibility and impacts to ecosystem function will be evaluated by key participants (UCSB, CDFW, City of Santa Barbara Airport, Goleta West Sanitary District, City of Goleta, the environmental and Chumash communities, and associated regulators) and a path forward will be selected for development, if approved by the University.

Specifically, the project is proposed to have five phases based on the successful completion of prior phases: (1) conceptual feasibility, (2) alternatives analysis for hydrological/hydraulic components to develop 30% Designs based on details described above and conducted in collaboration with UCSB’s Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration (Cheadle Center); (3) environmental review of selected project, including assessment for suitability of using Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects (SERP) and/or IS/MND – final draft; (4) 65% Designs that would include: grading plans, revegetation plans for wetlands and uplands (to be developed by UCSB’s Cheadle Center), grading and construction specifications, 65% quantities and costs, public land surveyor base map and control, geotechnical allowance, structural allowance and engineering for culvert modifications.; and (5) Regulatory Permitting including a monitoring and adaptive management plan for biological, cultural and historical resources.

The scope of professional services will be broken into the following two stages: Stage 1 services shall include preparation of two concept plans, and a project cost estimate for the concept selected. Stage 1 work will be performed under the University’s standard Professional Services Agreement (See Exhibit B). Stage 2 services, if awarded, will include engineering design services for the Project. Stage 2 services shall be performed under the University’s standard Executive Design Professional Agreement (See Exhibit C).

While it is anticipated that funding will be obtained, there is no assurance that funds will be received for the project noted. Selection of the design professional will follow UC policies and procedures.

Instructions for Applicants: Qualified professionals and firms possessing relevant experience and expertise in providing design services for projects similar in scale, size and scope are encouraged to respond to this RFQ. The Request for Qualifications document will be available at www.ucsbplanroom.com on April 3, 2026.

SOQ Submittal: An electronic copy of your firm's SOQ submittal in .pdf format must be returned to the University on **April 28, 2026** by 4:00 p.m. either: (i) via email the UCSB planroom page at <https://www.ucsbplanroom.com/rfgs> (click the project link and the "Submit Bid" tab); or, alternatively, (ii) an electronic (.pdf) copy may be delivered to the following physical address on a thumb drive:

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Equal Opportunity Statement: Each candidate firm will be required to show evidence of its equal employment opportunity policy. Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons shall have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University, regardless of: race; color; religion; sex; age; ancestry; national origin; sexual orientation; physical or mental disability; veteran's status; medical condition; genetic information; marital status; gender identity; pregnancy; service in the uniformed services; or citizenship within the limits imposed by law or University's policy.

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