

DATE: September 8, 2022
TO: Potential Respondents
FROM: Carrie Stoeckert—Senior Construction Contract Coordinator
SUBJECT: Questions #1
RFQ769-23-259500CS
UNT Science and Technology Building

This document is being issued to answer questions that have been submitted as follows:

1. Article 6 of the sample Professional Services Agreement lists Commissioning as a responsibility of the Owner.
 - Will this project have a formal Commissioning process? **Yes**
 - Are Commissioning Services part of the scope of services solicited through this Request for Qualifications? **No, but the selected firm will need to work alongside the Commissioning Agent engaged by the owner.**
 - Will a separate Request for Qualifications be issued for Owner-provided Commissioning services? **Yes**
2. Who are the significant departmental users occupying wet and dry laboratories in the new Science and Technology Building on the Denton campus and what do they need? Can UNT identify all of the participants that should be involved in the programming process within the institution? **The final occupants and their needs for this building are not yet identified, but the core departments intended to be served by the Science & Technology Building are known and will be involved in programming and design.**
3. Have specific research core programmatic spaces been identified to be included? What species are expected to be housed in the new Science and Technology facility? **See #2 above. The species anticipated for this facility are rodents.**
4. Does UNT have a peer research academic building they aspire to emulate for the new Science and Technology Building? **Currently there is not a specific building we aspire to emulate but we are in the process of benchmarking facilities and/or identifying facilities to benchmark.**

5. Will you allow architectural team associations? Teaming associations between prime architects and laboratory planning professionals? **Yes. We are looking for the best fit for the project. Partnerships between a prime architect and other specialty design firms have been utilized on our projects in the past.**
6. Who will be on the selection committee? **The final occupants for this building are not yet identified, but the core departments intended to be served by the Science & Technology Building are known. The evaluation committee has been intentionally formed to include key departmental decision makers and representatives from both campus and system facilities teams.**
7. What is driving the schedule and budget? **The availability of space to expand research in meeting long term research goals for the university. Budget is being driven by allocated CCAP funding for the project.**
8. Will the University and/or System require a formal sustainability performance or registration? **Sustainability and energy efficiency are important to UNT System and our institutions, but formal LEED certification will not be pursued for this project.**
9. What is their anticipated construction delivery method? **Construction Manager At-Risk**
10. Has there been any site soils or geo testing for evaluation of related existing sites and buildings? **Not at this time. Final site selection will be part of the programming effort and geotechnical testing will be conducted after this decision has been made. Previous geotechnical reports for neighboring sites are available for evaluation, but a stand-alone geotechnical effort will be needed for this facility.**
11. Can you elaborate on the potential program? What types of sciences? When you say technology are we looking at mechanical and robotic integration? Any sense of the percentage of office/collaboration space vs lab/ lab support/ maker space? **Building will support multidisciplinary research and teaching in the expanding areas of BioMedical Engineering, Physics, Biology, and Chemistry. Kinesiology will be evaluated as a potential occupant as well.**
12. Is experience in technology or science driven projects that are not bio of interest? **Yes**
13. For the answer to Question 2 under Relevant Experience and Capabilities, can one use ongoing projects as examples? **Yes**
14. Could you please provide an interview date so we can make travel arrangements for our team? **Date has not been set yet. Will be dependent on number of responses that come in and how many firms will be interviewed. Will be in the timeframe after the second week of October.**
15. Will the BSL-3 include select agents? **TBD. The BSL-3 portion of the project will be designed to meet BLS-3 requirements, but will not be commissioned initially. The space will be utilized as BSL-2 to start and will be commissioned at a later date when the BSL-3 program needs are better defined.**

16. Should we assume there will be a need for an ABSL-3 program? **We are not planning to include animal related BSL-3 spaces in this facility.**
17. Will this vivarium program be solely for this building or will serve other researchers on campus? **The animal facility in this building will be utilized by UNT researchers both inside and outside this facility.**
18. Do you know who the occupants of the lab will be? **The final occupants for this building are not yet identified, but the core departments intended to be served by the Science & Technology Building are known.**
19. Have you established a list of Core facilities that you anticipate in this building? Or is that something the selected team will help determine? **There is a committee that will be working on the equipment and requirements for Core facilities. The selected team will also assist in that effort.**
20. Could you please provide an interview date so we can make travel arrangements for our team? **See answer to #14 above.**
21. Does the geotechnical firm need to be on the team for the qualification submittal? Or UNT provide the geotechnical firm for the contractor and not be a part of this selection? **See above #10. Owner will hire third party Geotechnical Engineer for this project.**
22. Are resumes included in the 25 page limit? **Yes**