

Request for Proposals (RFP)

*to provide*

**Construction Management at Risk Services (CM)**

*for*

Quitman County Schools,  
Athletic Facility Improvements,  
Georgetown, Georgia - 2140

OWNER:

Quitman County Board of Education  
215 Kaigler Road  
Georgetown, Georgia 39854

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Qualifications Packages Due: July 7, 2022

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## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

### Construction Management at-Risk (CM) Services for

Quitman County Schools, Athletic Facility Improvements, Georgetown, Georgia - 2140

The Quitman County Board of Education (QCBOE)(Owner), is soliciting statements of qualifications from Contractors/firms interested in providing Construction Management at-Risk (CM) services for the construction of the projects listed above. This Request for Qualifications (RFP) seeks to identify potential providers of the above mentioned services. All respondents to this RFP are subject to instructions communicated in this document, and are cautioned to completely review the entire RFP and follow instructions carefully. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Statements of Qualifications or proposals, and to waive technicalities and informalities at their discretion.

**The Quitman County Board of Education shall have the right to terminate the relationship with the Construction Management firm at any time without cause.**

### 1. GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

#### Project Description

- New baseball field including dugouts, fencing, and field lighting.
- New softball field including dugouts, fencing, and field lighting.
- New baseball/softball scoring tower with concessions and public restrooms.
- New 8-lane 3" thick asphalt track.
  - Designed for future football and/or soccer field within the track.
  - Natural grass within the track
  - Long jump, shot put, discus, and high jump.
- New driveway to fields and new parking lot.

#### Project Delivery Method

The delivery method for the Project will be CM (construction manager at-risk), and, at a minimum, the Owner will also employ the services of a Design Professional in addition to the services of a Contractor.

During pre-construction, the Contractor will be responsible for pricing, value engineering, as well as maintainability and constructability issues.

#### Project Budget

As part of the CM services, evaluate the Scope of Work and determine a developmental budget for the projects, and working with the Owner and Architect, prioritize the needs and help determine which of the scoped projects can be done within the budget. The final budget will be determined by the prioritization of the Work, and the available funding. The Scope of Work may be revised by the Owner due to programmatic requirements, funding availability, or other circumstances.

**Projects listed above will all be bid and performed under one contract as the Stated Cost Limitation of the project will allow.**

#### Project Schedule

The selection of the Contractor is anticipated to be finalized in Fall of 2020. Preconstruction services are expected to begin immediately upon execution of the contract with the Contractor. Construction services are expected to begin upon contract execution. *(All of the dates herein are estimates which are subject to change.)* Work described will be tentatively performed beginning in Winter of 2020. New Construction may begin upon contract execution. The portion of the work in the existing occupied facilities may be required to be done during a School Break.

**Projects listed above will all be bid and performed under one contract as the Stated Cost Limitation of the project will allow.**

## 2. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT-RISK SERVICES REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor will be expected to work collaboratively with the Design Professional to provide preconstruction services which may include, without limitation, technical review, cost verification, cost evaluation, value engineering, schedule development, and schedule evaluation, in addition to management of the construction. In addition, the Contractor will be responsible for methods of construction, safety, and the scheduling and coordination of the work of all construction and miscellaneous contracts required for completion of the project within its predetermined budget and schedule. The successful Contractor will be required to work collaboratively with the Owner's consultants.

## 3. CONTRACT INFORMATION

This is a CM-At-Risk Contract. The contract format will be an *Actual Cost plus a Fixed Fee not to exceed the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) Agreement*. During Pre-Construction, the Contractor will be responsible for pricing, value engineering, and maintainability and constructability issues. Construction will commence with the release of distinct work packages based on the design documents. The Contractor shall select all construction subcontracts by competitive selection using cost and other factors, with Owner approval of each subcontractor. The contract may have liquidated damages.

### Form of Agreement

The agreement between the Owner and the Contractor shall be the "AIA Document A133-current edition - Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Construction Manager as Constructor where the basis of payment is the Cost of the Work Plus a Fee with a Guaranteed Maximum Price", along with the Owner's modifications. The General Conditions for the project shall be as described in "AIA Document A201-2017 - General Conditions of the Contract for Construction", along with the Owner's modifications and Supplementary Conditions. The General Requirements of the CM contract and General Conditions are not open for negotiation. The construction services will be on an actual cost basis with all savings under the GMP, including unused contingency, returned to the Owner.

## 4. SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of the Contractor will be a qualification/fee proposal evaluation process.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The following Schedule of Events represents the Owner's best estimate of the schedule that will be followed. All times indicated will be current standard time in Georgetown, Georgia. The Owner reserves the right to adjust the schedule as the Owner deems necessary.

### RFP Estimated Time Line:

- |    |                                                                            |                      |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| a. | Owner issues public/website advertisement of RFP:                          | 6/13/2022            |
| b. | Owner conducts Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference:                          | 6/23/2022 at 3:00 pm |
| c. | Deadline for written questions/requests for clarification (see Section 7): | 6/30/2022 at 3:00 pm |
| d. | Deadline for submission of Statements of Qualifications:                   | 7/7/2022 at 3:00 pm  |
| e. | Board approval of CM selected:                                             | TBD                  |

## 6. MANDATORY PRE-SUBMITTAL CONFERENCE

A pre-submittal conference will be conducted by the Owner, and attendance of finalist firms is mandatory. The Conference shall be held at the Quitman County Board of Education, 215 Kaigler Road, Georgetown, Georgia 39854. The date for the conference and site visit will be as listed above. **The Owner reserves the right to disqualify a proposer from the selection process due to a failure by a proposer to arrive for the conference by the scheduled start time. Failure to attend a mandatory conference will automatically result in disqualification from the selection process.**

## 7. SUBMITTAL OF QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION

It is the responsibility of each respondent to examine the entire RFP, seek clarification in writing, and review its submittal for accuracy before submitting the document. Questions about any aspect of the RFP, or the project, shall be submitted in writing (**e-mail only**) to:

**Sonya D. Spalinger, Project Architect**  
**SRJ Architects Inc.**  
e-mail: [spalinger@srjarchitects.com](mailto:spalinger@srjarchitects.com)  
phone: phone calls will not receive a response

The deadlines for submission of questions relating to the RFP are the times and dates shown in the (*Schedule of Events- Section 5*). **All relevant questions and requests for clarification received by the Architect and the corresponding responses will be posted on the Owner's website, and will be distributed by the Architect to those who requested Documents through SRJ Architects, as an addendum to the original solicitation for services.** From the issue date of this solicitation until a successful proposer is selected and the selection is announced, respondents are not allowed to communicate for any reason with any members or employees of the Owner except for submission of questions as instructed in the RFP, or during the proposer's conference (if applicable), or as provided by any existing work agreement(s). For violation of this provision, the Owner shall reserve the right to reject the proposal of the offending proposer.

## 8. SUBMITTAL REVIEW PROCESS

### Qualifications Review

This RFP is issued for the purpose of acquiring Statements of Qualifications and Proposals from prospective Contractors. A selection will be made by a Selection Committee consisting of representatives of the Owner. The Selection Committee will receive and review Statements of Qualifications and Proposals submitted in response to this RFP. To be deemed eligible for evaluation, firms must meet the following minimum qualifications:

### Minimum Qualifications Required (evaluated on a pass/fail basis by the selection committee)

- The firm or its principals are not currently ineligible, debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from bidding or contracting by any state or federal agency, department, or authority.
- Firm must have sufficient bonding capacity for anticipated total cost of work. Provide a letter or other supporting documentation from a bonding company indicating the firm's capacity to bond the project.
- Firm must have a current Contractor's Public Liability Insurance policy, and must be insurable in the following amounts: Bodily injury, including death- limits of \$1,000,000 for each accident. Property damage- limits of \$2,000,000 for each accident and \$10,000,000 for the aggregate of operations. (The Owner reserves the right to require additional limits and/or coverage for actual contract.) Provide your current insurance certificate.
- Firms must have all necessary, valid and current licenses to do business in the State of Georgia. Provide a copy of your GC license, business license and Georgia Certificate of Existence.
- Firm must demonstrate sufficient cash flow to undertake the project as evidenced by a current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) of 1.0 or higher.
- The firm must demonstrate a commitment to safety with regard to Worker's Compensation by having an Experience Modification Rate (EMR) over the past three years of 1.2 or less.
- The firm or its principals have not been terminated for cause or currently in default on any public works contract.

The firms must provide a sworn statement attesting to compliance with the minimum criteria listed above and provide supporting documentation as requested further in the process in accordance with deliverable (A) A-1 below in this RFP.

The Selection Committee will then evaluate the submittals which have met the above minimum qualifications. Criteria for the evaluation are listed below:

### **Criteria for Evaluation of Statements of Qualifications**

- Stability of the firm, including the firm's corporate history, resources, form of ownership, litigation history, financials, etc.
- Firm's relevant project Experience and Qualifications, including the demonstrated ability of firm in effective management of construction of facilities comparable in complexity and function, for public owners.
- Firm's Suitability to provide services for project, including the firm's apparent fit to the project type, delivery method, any unique qualifications for the project, current and projected workloads, describe your firm's plan for competitively selecting subcontractors. Additional factors for a firm's suitability will include the construction manager's office location/proximity to the project, and current/recent project workload.
- Proposed Project Team's Relevant Experience and Qualifications: Experience of the project manager and superintendent on completed projects of similar type, and complexity; Assigned team's experience with effective budget and schedule control plans for this project; Provide information regarding percentage of the primary team member's time will be committed to this project.
- Quality of Proposed Management Plan: The firm's cost and schedule management plans; Firm's approach for managing changes within the stated cost and schedule limitations; Firm's approach for competitively administering and evaluating bid packages; The firm's subcontractor management plan; The firm's quality assurance program and plan; The firm's close-out plan; The firm's work force plan; The firm's safety plan and site logistics plan for proposed project.

## **9. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING SUBMITTAL**

Each submittal shall be identical and include a transmittal letter. Submittals must be typed on standard (8-1/2" x 11") paper. The pages must be numbered. A table of contents, with corresponding tabs, must be included to identify each section. Responses are limited to forty (40) double-sided pages or less using a minimum of an 11-point font. Any exhibits, affidavits or other enclosure information called for may be included in an appendix and will not count toward the limit. Tab sheets also do not count toward limit. Each submittal shall be prepared simply and economically, providing straightforward, concise delineation of respondent's capabilities. Emphasis must be on completeness, relevance, and clarity to content.

To expedite the review of submittals, it is essential that respondents follow the format and instructions outlined below. **The content of all Statement of Qualifications must be categorized and numbered as outlined below and be responsive to all requested information:**

### **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

#### **A. Stability**

- A1- Provide basic company information: Company name, address, name of primary contact, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and company website (if available). If the firm has multiple offices, include information about the parent company and branch office separately. Identify the office from which project will be managed and proximity to the project site. Provide form of ownership, including state of residency or incorporation, and number of years in business. For joint venture entities that have not undertaken at least *two* projects together, each firm should submit its qualifications separately. Joint submittals are subject to the same submittal page limit.

- A2- Briefly describe the history of your firm(s). Provide general information about the firm's establishment, personnel resources, including disciplines and numbers and classifications of employees, and locations and staffing of offices that will be directly involved with this Project.
- A3- Please disclose whether or not the firm has been involved in any litigation with an Owner or Architects during the past five (5) years. List any active or pending litigation and provide a thorough explanation of its scope. List any claims against your firm or against Owners where your firm is named.
- A4- List the firm's annual average gross revenue for each of the past 5 years. Supply main financial and banking references.
- A5- Please provide information as to whether or not your firm has ever been removed from a contract for cause OR failed to complete a contract as awarded?
- A6- The firm, in order to be deemed eligible for further evaluation, will issue the following statement asserting that the firm meets the minimum qualifications required for this project (supporting information is requested and can be included as an Appendix in the Statement of Qualifications). The SIGNED statement shall read as follows:
- a. We certify our firm or its principals are not currently ineligible, debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from bidding or contracting by any state or federal agency, department, or authority.
  - b. *We certify that our firm has sufficient bonding capacity for anticipated total cost of work.* Provide a letter or other supporting documentation from a bonding company indicating the firm's capacity to bond the project.
  - c. We certify our firm has a current Contractor's Public Liability Insurance policy, and our firm is insurable in the following amounts: Bodily injury, including death limits of \$1,000,000 for each accident. Property damage- limits of \$2,000,000 for each accident and \$10,000,000 for the aggregate of operations. (The Owner reserves the right to require additional limits and/or coverage for actual contract.) Provide your current insurance certificate.
  - d. We certify our firms has all necessary, valid and current licenses to do business in the State of Georgia. Provide a copy of your GC license, business license and Georgia Certificate of Existence.
  - e. We certify we have sufficient cash flow to undertake the project as evidenced by a current ratio (current assets/current liabilities) of 1.0 or higher.
  - f. We certify a commitment to safety with regard to Worker's Compensation by having an Experience Modification Rate (EMR) over the past three years of 1.2 or less. Firm must provide a letter or other supporting documentation.
  - g. We certify the firm or its principals have not been terminated for cause or are currently in default on any public works contract.

## **B. Experience and Qualifications**

- B1- Provide information on the firm's experience on projects of similar function, and complexity (similar type of construction). Describe 3-5 projects, in order of most relevant to least relevant, which demonstrate the firm's capabilities to perform the project. For each project, provide the following information:
- a. Project name, location and dates during which services were performed.
  - b. Brief description of project and physical description (delivery method, cost, square footage, number of stories, type of foundation, structural system, envelope, site area).
  - c. Services performed by your firm.
  - d. Provide any Owner-written letters of reference/recommendation about the firm's performance on the project.
  - e. Owner/Architect contact information.
  - f. Explanation as to how the highlighted project relates to the current Project being considered. If the firm has multiple offices, indicate the office responsible for each highlighted project

### **C. Statement of Suitability**

- C1- Provide any information that may serve to differentiate your firm from other firms regarding suitability for the project. Suitability may include, but is not limited to, the firm's fit to the project and/or needs of the Owner, any special or unique qualifications for the project, current and projected workloads, the proximity of main office to project location, and any techniques or methodologies offered by the firm that may be particularly suitable for this project type.
- C2- Provide information on any special services, such as BIM capabilities, LEED Certification, and Georgia Peach Green Certification, offered by the firm that may be relevant and available for this project.

### **D. Qualifications and Experience of Proposed Project Team**

- D1- Describe your firm's proposed organization for the construction management team including, project executive, project director, project manager, superintendent, cost estimator, etc., who will manage the project. Please designate the specific individuals to fill the following key roles on your team:
- a. Superintendent(s)
  - b. Project Manager
  - c. Project Executive / Project Director
  - d. Cost Estimator
  - e. Other (please describe, if applicable)
- D2- Please provide, for each of the above personnel, current resume listing relevant project experience, percentage of the person's time to be committed to this project, current and projected workloads, and his/her office location in relation to project location.
- D3- Please identify the individual who, from project start to finish, will be the leader of your construction team and the principal point of contact between your firm and the Owner, the Architect, and other consultants. Provide detailed information on the qualifications of this individual and the direction, authority, and management tools that will be provided to the individual by the firm. Provide information on his/her current and projected workloads, and his/her office location in relation to project location. This individual's competence, his/her leadership, location, and his/her ability to achieve customer satisfaction will be heavily considered in the selection of a construction management firm.
- D4- Provide an organizational chart showing the lines of responsibility and accountability for your team and proposed sub-consultants. If a joint-venture, identify responsibility relationships, where there may be past experience at such relationships, and levels of experience.
- D5- Provide examples of your recent experience as CM or GC in constructing facilities similar to this project, including the following information:
- a. Provide photographs of similar projects your firm/team completed in the past five (5) years.
  - b. Provide a written reference from the Architect/Owner (with current contact information) familiar with your performance on each of the above projects. Provide a Program Manager reference (if applicable).
  - c. List the individuals who served as the Project Executive/Director, Project Manager, Superintendent, and Cost Estimator on the projects. Please note whether these individuals are still employed with your firm.
  - d. Indicate those projects where an architect, engineering consultant, and contractor served a corporate or public client as a team.
  - e. Provide information about the two most recent similar projects your firm has completed. Include the total quantity of change orders and net total cost increase of change orders to the project. Summarize the actual schedule performance relative to the initial project schedule. For each project, provide the name of an Owner's representative (with a current phone number) who is most familiar with your performance on the project.



## **E. Management Plan**

- E1- With regard to your firm's expected role in the project, please provide:
- A statement of your definition of the role,
  - Your anticipated level of management responsibility and accountability for project concerns.
- E1.1 Describe your process for efficiently resolving issues and maintaining the project commitments while working collaboratively with the Architect, Owner, and other stakeholders as applicable.
- E1.2 Describe your procedures for routine solving of complex project issues without compromising your team commitments.
- E1.3 Provide your proposed methods and plans of communication.
- E2- Describe your firm's approach to providing pre-construction services on this project.
- E3- Provide your cost management plan for controlling costs on this project within the GMP during construction. Describe your systems and procedures for controlling costs during construction.
- E4- Provide your change order management plan for managing cost and schedule exposures within the stated limitations.
- E5- Provide your procurement and workforce plan including details on your plan to assure local contractor opportunity. Describe how your firm intends to arrange the construction into bid packages in order to maintain The Owner's schedule and budget objectives.
- E6- Provide your schedule management plan for this project during construction. Describe systems and procedures your firm uses to manage the project schedule. Describe alternatives that may be explored to shorten the schedule.
- E7- Provide your subcontractor management plan including, contract document compliance procedures, project accounting procedures, issue resolution and compliance with Security and Immigration Compliance Act OCGA 13-10-91 – as it relates to subcontractor compliance with the requirements set forth therein ensuring compliance with the federal work authorization program.
- E8- Provide your closeout management plan for this project. Describe your systems and procedures for your closeout plan.
- E9- Provide your quality assurance plan for this project. Describe your firm's approach for validating compliance with the construction documents. Explain your process for ensuring quality workmanship
- E10- Provide your safety and site logistics plan for this project. Describe your plan for working around existing operations and for site access. Provide your accident incident rate for the past three (3) years, using the following formula: *Incident Rate = # of Injuries x (200,000) / # Total Man Hours*
- E-11- Provide your plan for applying any services not specifically mentioned herein. Explain the relevance of these services to this project and how they benefit the project.

## 10. SUBMITTAL OF FEE PROPOSALS

Fee Proposals must be submitted separately, in a sealed envelope, with the Statements of Qualifications. **Firms must use the attached “CM Fee Proposal” forms (Exhibit A, attachment A, & B) for their fee proposal.** No sealed fee proposal will be opened until one firm has been judged to be the top ranked firm. Subsequently, only the fee proposal from that top ranked firm will be opened. Please understand that this proposal constitutes a starting point for negotiation toward an eventual agreement on fees. Fee Proposals shall be based on the Stated Cost Limitation of the project which is currently **\$2,200,000**.

## 11. SUBMITTAL OF STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND FEE PROPOSAL

All responses must be sealed in an opaque envelope or box, and reference to the **Quitman County Board of Education Construction Management Services RFP** on envelopes or boxes and addressed to the addresses below. Statements of Qualifications and Proposals must be physically received by the Owner prior to the deadline indicated in the Schedule of Events (Section 5 of RFP) at the exact address below:

Proposers should deliver **one (1) original and nine (9) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy** (.pdf format on a CD Rom) of their Statement of Qualifications submittal, and one (1) sealed fee submittal to:

**Jon-Erik Jones, Superintendent  
Quitman County Board of Education  
215 Kaigler Road  
Georgetown, Georgia 39854**

It is the sole responsibility of the Proposers to assure delivery to the noted locations by the specified deadlines; the Owner cannot accept responsibility for incorrect delivery, regardless of reason. No Qualifications submittals will be accepted after the time stipulated above. Qualifications submittals will not be accepted via facsimile or e-mail.

It is the responsibility of the Proposers to examine the entire Request, seek clarification in writing, and review their qualifications for accuracy before submitting a response. Once the deadline has passed, all submittals will be final.

All expenses for preparing and submitting responses are the sole cost of the party submitting the response. The Owner is not obligated to any party to reimburse such expenses. All submittals upon receipt become the property of the Owner. Labeling information provided in submittals “proprietary” or “confidential” or any other designation of restricted use will not protect the information from public view. Subject to the provisions of the Open Records Act, the details of the proposal documents will remain confidential until final award.

## 12. FINAL EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Upon completion of the evaluation of RFP submittal, proposers will be ranked in descending order of recommendation. Only the Fee Proposal of the highest ranked Proposer will be opened and reviewed by the Board of Education. In the event a satisfactory fixed fee cannot be reached with the highest-ranking firm, the Owner will formally terminate the negotiations in writing and open and review only the Fee Proposal of the second highest-ranking firm, and so on until a mutually agreed upon fixed fee is established. Once the successful Contractor and the agreed upon fixed fee have been determined, a CM services contract will be awarded by the Owner. Un-opened Fee Proposals will be returned to respective proposers after award.

\* The Owner reserves the right to interview up to the top three re-ranked Proposers, if they so choose. If interviews are conducted, the Proposers interviewed will then be re-ranked, and fee negotiations will begin with the top ranked firm from the interview process, as described above.

### **13. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **Deadlines**

The deadline for submission of questions relative to the RFP is the time and date shown in the Schedule of Events (Section 5). All relevant and significant questions that have been submitted in writing prior to the deadline will be compiled and answered in writing, and issued directly to all proposers via E-mail. Any proposer exceptions to the RFP requirements or requests for deadline extensions must also be communicated to the Owner by the deadline to be properly considered. Any requests for proposal deadline extensions must include the reason(s) for such a request. The Owner reserves the right to approve or reject such requests as the Owner deems necessary.

#### **Confidentiality**

Labeling information provided in submittals "proprietary" or "confidential", or any other designation of restricted use will not protect the information from public view. Subject to the provisions of the Open Records Act, the details of the proposal documents will remain confidential until final award.

#### **Award Conditions**

- This request is not an offer to contract or a solicitation of bids. This request and any statement of qualifications or proposal submitted in response, regardless of whether the proposal is determined to be the best proposal, is not binding upon the Owner and does not obligate the Owner to procure or contract for any services. Neither the Owner nor any party submitting a response will be bound unless and until a written contract mutually accepted by both parties is negotiated as to its terms and conditions and is signed by the Owner and a party containing such terms and conditions as are negotiated between those parties. The Owner reserves the right to waive non-compliance with any requirements of this Request for Proposal and to reject any or all proposals submitted in responses. Upon receipt and review of responses, the Owner will determine the party(s) and proposal that in the sole judgment of the Owner is in the best interest of the Owner (if any is so determined), with respect to the evaluation criteria stated herein. The Owner then intends to conduct negotiations with such party(s) to determine if a mutually acceptable contract may be reached.
- Any contract awarded will include the required provision of O.C.G.A. 20-2-506. In addition, a termination for convenience provision will be included.
- The requirements of this RFP and proposal submitted in response, as agreed to by the Quitman County Board of Education, shall be incorporated into the contract for services.
- Respondents to this RFP agree to waive any claims they have or may have against the Owner, its employees, agents, members, representatives and legal counsel, arising out of or in connection with the: (1) administration, evaluation, recommendation or selection of any proposal or qualifications; (2) waiver of any representations under the proposal or documents; (3) approval or rejection of any proposal or qualifications; and (4) award of a contract.

#### **Reciprocal Preference Law**

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 13-10-3, for the purpose of determining residency, a Georgia resident business shall include:

- (1) Any business that regularly maintains a place from which business is physically conducted in Georgia for at least one year prior to any bid or proposal
- (2) (or) a new business that is domiciled in Georgia which regularly maintains a place from which business is physically conducted in Georgia (provided) that a place of business shall not include a post office box, site trailer or temporary structure.

Whenever the state contracts for public works construction, materialmen, contractors, builders, architects, engineers and laborers resident in the State of Georgia are to be granted the same preference over materialmen, contractors, builders, architects, engineers and laborers resident in another state in the same manner, on the same basis, and to the same extent that preference is granted in awarding bids for the same goods or services by such other states.

### **Joint-Venture Proposals**

The Owner does not desire to enter into “joint-venture” agreements with multiple firms. In the event two or more firms desire to “team up” it is strongly recommended that one incorporated firm propose and maintain status as the contracted lead firm with the remaining firms participating as major consultants to the lead firm.

### **Immigration Reform Compliance Requirement.**

The successful Proposer will be required to certify compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), D.L. 99-603 and the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act OCGA 13-10-90 et.seq., by meeting or having complied with one of the (2) following provisions and by executing any affidavits required by the rules and regulations issued by the Georgia Department of Labor set forth at Rule 300-10-1-.01:

- 1) The Contractor warrants that Contractor has complied with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and the Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act by registering at <https://www.vis-dhs.com/EmployerRegistration> and verifying information of all new employees;
- 2) The successful proposer shall comply with the stipulations cited in Security and Immigration Compliance Act OCGA 13-10-91.with respect to the proper federal authorizations regarding the right to work for subcontractors and contractors.

### **E-Verify: Contractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(1)**

The successful Proposer will be required to submit an Affidavit verifying its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the firm or corporation which is engaged in the performance of services on behalf of the Quitman County Board of Education has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the Contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfactory of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). The affidavit shall include the CM’s Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number and date of authorization.

### **Statement of Agreement**

With submission of a proposal, the Proposer agrees that he/she has carefully examined the Request for Proposals (RFP), and the Proposer agrees that it is the Proposer’s responsibility to request clarification on any issues in any section of the RFP with which the Proposer disagrees or needs clarified. The Proposer also understands that failure to mention these items in the proposal will be interpreted to mean that the Proposer is in full agreement with the terms, conditions, specifications and requirements in the therein.

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