

**FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY**  
**Environmental Sciences/Forestry Bldg - Construction**  
**State Project No. H18-9592-PD**

# **Amendment 1**

**to the**

**Request for**  
**Proposals and Interview**  
**to provide**  
**Design-Build Services**

**July 11, 2024**

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Pre-Proposal Questions & Owners' Responses

\*\*\*Changes to proposal submission date and schedule/date/duration of presentations\*\*\*

Proposal submission date: August 13, 2024 2:00 PM

Presentation date: August 20, 2024

Presentation schedule:

- 8:50-9:00 AM – Samet Setup
- 9:00-9:50 AM – Samet Presentation
- 9:50-10:00 AM - AJAX Setup
- 10:00-10:50 AM – AJAX Presentation
- 10:50-11:00 AM – Thompson Turner Setup
- 11:00-11:50 AM – Thompson Turner Presentation
- 11:50-12:00 PM – FBI Setup
- 12:00- 12:50 PM – FBI Presentation

1. The RFP section 2.2.1 references one of the criteria as “the Design-Build firms should demonstrate their ability to meet the projects schedule”. Can you please confirm what FMU’s anticipated facility end use date and/or any anticipated preliminary design or construction milestone dates may be? **Ideally we would like to have an end use date by the end of July 2026, and we will work with the selected DB Team to establish that schedule.**
2. The RFP exhibit C – Owner’s Design Requirements and Considerations section B. 1 states that Exhibit D is a general location for area. Can you please confirm that both the actual rough building footprint and proposed pond location reflected in exhibit D is preliminary only and that Design-Build teams have the flexibility to make revisions to layouts shown in exhibit D? **Yes, exhibit D is a preliminary design for both location and size, and DB teams have flexibility to make revisions to both the pond and building footprints.**
3. The RFP Exhibit C – Owner’s Design Requirements and Considerations section J – Water Feature- states that “the exterior water feature is expected to be a +- 6 acre lake approximately 5’-7’ deep” while the preliminary site boundary layout document included below reflects a 2.75 acre lake. Can you please confirm that size of proposed pond/lake is preliminary and Design-Build teams have the flexibility to amend any preliminary pond/lake sizes previously provided. **Yes, the pond size and layout were preliminary, and DB teams have flexibility to amend from the exhibit d depiction of the pond.**
4. Please provide a clarification regarding the determination of a classified vs unclassified site and a common assumption for unsuitable soils. **Please refer to our [facilities website](#) to utilize the SLED site geotech data as a basis for your proposal. The selected DB team will be responsible for assessment of soil conditions, mitigation of unsuitable soils will be the responsibility of FMU. DB teams should NOT factor in contingency money from construction funds for unsuitable soil mitigation.**
5. Please provide a common assumption for distance from the site to existing water / sewer connections and size of service where we will connect OR we can size our new building utilities and assume there are services with available capacity in the public road in front of the site. **DB Teams should refer to our [facilities website](#) and see the construction documents related to project #H18-9592-PD-A Environmental Sciences/Forestry Bldg – Construction – SLED Entrance Road and Waterline Extension. This road will be the construction road for the Forestry Building and the selected DB team will need to complete the road to include curbing and utilities to the building.**

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6. Please identify which equipment is to be:
  - Owner Furnished/Owner Installed – Cameras, WIFI Routers/Modems, Drying Ovens (unless tied into ventilation system)
  - Contractor Furnished/Contractor Installed – Vent Hoods, Furniture, Compressed Air/Gas Racks, and Safety Stations/Eyewash Stations etc.
  - Owner Furnished/Contractor Installed – Soap/Hand Towel Dispensers in bathrooms
7. For the Audio/Visual systems, is the Design-Build team responsible for furnishing and installing the 'smart' monitors in the classrooms? **Yes**
8. Are there any other related Audio/Visual devices that the Design-Build team is responsible for? **Yes but the exact devices are to be determined after selection of the DB team**
9. Is the Design-Build team responsible for providing the data/communications pathways? Cabling? And, Devices? **Yes, Yes, and No**
10. Is the Design-Build team responsible for providing the building's Wi-Fi System? **No, only the pathway**
11. Should the Design-Build team carry an Allowance for unsuitable soils? Or, will FMU carry funds for this concern? **No the selected DB team should not carry an allowance for unsuitable soils out of building construction funds, only what is required to assess soil conditions. FMU will be responsible for soils mitigation.**
12. Will the forthcoming geotechnical report address the need for a pond liner? **No, it is to be determined after DB team selection.**
13. What are FMU's expectations regarding Landscaping? **Selected DB team is responsible for coordinating with FMU's landscaping manager to choose flora that matched the universities aesthetics.**
14. Will fume hoods be required for this project? **Yes**
15. Will any lab spaces require compressed air or gasses? **Yes**