

# Request for Qualifications (Architect / Engineer)

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**Administration of Project:** Ohio Facilities Construction Commission

Project Name	<u>Project MARCS Tower Build FY 25-26</u>	Response Deadline	<u>April 15, 2024</u>	<u>2:00 pm</u>	local time
Project Location	<u>State Wide</u>	Project Number	<u>DAS-25MA01</u>		
City / County	<u>NA / NA</u>	Project Manager	<u>Ned Thiell</u>		
Owner	<u>Ohio Dept. of Administrative Services</u>	Contracting Authority	<u>OFCC</u>		
Delivery Method	<u>CM at Risk</u>	Prevailing Wages	<u>State</u>		
No. of paper copies requested (stapled, not bound)	<u>0</u>	No. of electronic copies requested (PDF)			<u>One</u>

Submit the requested number of *Statements of Qualifications* (Form F110-330) directly to Procurement at [procurement@ofcc.ohio.gov](mailto:procurement@ofcc.ohio.gov). See Section J of this RFQ for additional submittal instructions.

Submit all questions regarding this RFQ in writing to Procurement at [procurement@ofcc.ohio.gov](mailto:procurement@ofcc.ohio.gov) with the project number included in the subject line (no phone calls please). Questions will be answered and posted to the Opportunities page on the OFCC website at <http://ofcc.ohio.gov> on a regular basis until one week before the response deadline. The name of the party submitting a question will not be included on the Q&A document.

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### Project Overview

#### A. Project Description

The Multi Agency Radio Communications System (MARCS) provides Ohio's first responders and public safety providers with state-of-the-art wireless digital communications, and promotes interoperability, in order to save lives and maximize effectiveness in both normal operations and emergency situations.

The system consists of multiple sites across the state. Each site has an antenna tower, support shelter, fence enclosure(s), and associated utilities and other site improvements.

This project consists of new facilities, and at existing facilities the replacement of antenna towers and various components. There will be 6 to 8 sites at locations to be determined. The sites are located across the state. Construction completion is projected in 2027.

The project will be a Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) delivery. Each site will be a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) amendment to the CMR contract. The AE's fees for each site will similarly be an internal amendment distribution appropriate to each site.

The professional services for each site will include identifying the required scope of work; designing, engineering, and specifying the necessary components and systems, obtaining the necessary permits (Building, NEPA, FAA, FCC, etc.), construction administration, and close-out. Professional services are projected to start not earlier than mid-August 2024 and not later than December 2024.

#### B. Scope of Services

Upon award of the Agreement, commence by identifying the sites, the sequence and timing of the execution, and developing the Program of Requirements for each site.

The selected A/E, as a portion of its required Scope of Services and prior to submitting its proposals, will discuss and clarify with the Owner and OFCC, the cost breakdown of the Architect/Engineer Agreement detailed cost components to address the Owner's project requirements. The selected A/E is to participate in the Encouraging Diversity, Growth & Equity (EDGE) Program as required by statute and the Agreement.

As required by the Agreement, and as properly authorized, provide the following categories of services: Program Verification, Design Development, GMP documents, CMR selection support, GMP verification and support, Construction Administration, Post Construction and Additional Services of all types.

Refer to the *Ohio Facilities Construction Manual* for additional information about the type and extent of services required for each. A copy of the standard Agreement can be obtained at the OFCC website at <https://ofcc.ohio.gov>.

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During the on-site construction period, provide not less than 2 hours (excluding travel time) on-site construction administration services bi-weekly, including (1) attendance at progress meeting, (2) a written field report of each site visit, (3) on-site representation comprised of the A/E and its consultant staff involved in the primary design of the project, all having relevant and appropriate types of construction administration experience. Otherwise during the construction period provide construction administration services as needed to meet the level of professional care and due diligence required of the project.

For purposes of completing the Relevant Project Experience Matrix in Section F of the *Statement of Qualifications* (Form F110-330), below is a list of relevant scope of work requirements for this RFQ:

1. Construction Manager at Risk delivery experience
2. Radio tower, appurtenances, and facility components design, specification, and lay-out experience
3. Radio antenna tower construction and logistic experience
4. NEPA compliance and permitting experience
5. Endangered Species Act (ESA) compliance and permitting experience
6. National Historic Preservation ACT (NHPA) compliance and permitting experience
7. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) compliance and permitting experience
8. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) compliance and permitting experience
9. Federal Communication Commission (FCC) compliance and permitting experience

### C. Estimated Budget / Funding

State Funding: \$7,350,000  
 Other Funding: \$0  
 Construction Cost: \$6,480,000  
 Total Project Cost: \$7,350,000

### D. Anticipated Schedule

Professional Services Start: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Construction Notice to Proceed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Substantial Completion of all Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Professional Services Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

### E. Estimated Basic Fee Range (see note below)

3.4% to 3.6%

### F. EDGE Participation Goal

Percent of initial Total A/E Fee: 5.0%

NOTE: **Basic Services** include: (1) Program Verification, (2) Schematic Design, (3) Design Development, (4) Construction Documents, (5) Bidding and Award OR GMP Proposal and Amendment (as applicable), (6) Construction Administration, and (7) Closeout services. The **Basic Fee** includes all professional design services and consultant services necessary for proper completion of the Basic Services, including validation of existing conditions (but not subsurface or hidden conditions) and preparation of cost estimates and design schedules for the project. The **Estimated Basic Fee Range** is calculated as a percentage of the **Estimated Budget for Construction Cost** above, including the Owner's contingency. **The Basic Fee excludes any Additional Services required for the project.**

### G. Basic Service Providers Required (see note below)

Lead A/E Discipline: Architecture or Engineering  
 Secondary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disciplines: Structural Engineering  
Electrical Engineering  
Surveying

### H. Additional Service Providers Required

Geotechnical Analysis  
Quality Assurance Testing

NOTE: The lead A/E shall be (1) an architect registered pursuant to ORC Chapter 4703, (2) a landscape architect registered pursuant to ORC Chapter 4703, or a (3) professional engineer or (4) professional surveyor licensed pursuant to ORC Chapter 4733.

### I. Evaluation Criteria for Selection

- Demonstrated ability to meet Owner's programmed project vision, scope, budget, and schedule on previous projects.
- Previous experience compatible with the proposed project (e.g., type, size).
- Relevant past work of prospective firm's proposed consultants.
- Past performance of prospective firm and its proposed consultants.
- Qualifications and experience of individuals directly involved with the project.
- Proposer's previous experience (numbers of projects, sizes of projects) when working with its proposed consultants.
- Specification writing credentials and experience.
- Experience and capabilities of creating or using Critical Path Method (CPM) schedules and of using CPM schedules as a project management resource.
- Approach to and success of using partnering and Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- Proposer's apparent resources and capacity to meet the needs of this project.

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- The selected A/E and all its consultants must have the capability to use the Internet within their normal business location(s) during normal business hours.

Interested A/E firms are required to submit the *Commitment to Participate in the EDGE Business Assistance Program* form in its Statement of Qualifications (Form F110-330) submitted in response to the RFQ, to indicate its intent to contract with and use EDGE-certified Business Enterprise(s), as a part of the A/E's team. The *Intent to Contract and to Perform* and / or waiver request letter and *Demonstration of Good Faith Effort* form(s) with complete documentation must be attached to the A/E's Technical Proposal. Both forms can be accessed via the OFCC website at <https://ofcc.ohio.gov>. The *Intent to Contract and to Perform* form is again required at the Fee Proposal stage.

**If the A/E firm intends to receive points for exceeding the EDGE Participation Goal, it must provide BOTH a completed *Commitment to Participate* form AND a completed *Statement of Intent to Contract and to Perform* forms signed by both parties with its *Statement of Qualifications*.**

For all *Statements of Qualifications*, please identify the EDGE-certified Business Enterprises, by name, which will participate in the delivery of the proposed professional services solicited in the RFQ.

Interested A/E firms must indicate on their *Statement of Qualifications*, the locations where their services will be performed in the spaces provided or by attachment in accordance with the requirements of Executive Order 2019-12D related to providing services only within the United States and the requirements of Executive Order 2022-02D prohibiting purchases from or investment in any Russian institution or company. Failure to do so may cause their *Statement of Qualifications* to be rejected.

### J. Submittal Instructions

Firms are required to submit the current version of *Statement of Qualifications* (Form F110-330) available via the OFCC website at <https://ofcc.ohio.gov>.

Electronic submittals should be combined into one PDF file named with the project number listed on the RFQ and your firm's name. Use the "print" feature of Adobe Acrobat or similar software for creating a PDF rather than using a scanner. If possible, please reduce the file size of the PDF. In Acrobat, go to Advanced, then PDF Optimizer. Also, please insert the project number and firm name followed by "SOQ" in the email subject line.

**Statements of Qualifications must be submitted electronically by email. Submittals are limited to one email with a maximum file size of 25 MB.**

Firms are requested to identify professional registrations, memberships and credentials including: LEED GA, LEED AP, LEED AP+, CCCA, CCM, CCS, CDT, CPE, DBIA, and any other appropriate design and construction industry credentials. Identify that information on the resume page for individual in Block 22, Section E of the F110-330 form.

# Architect / Engineer Selection Rating Form

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Project Name MARCS Tower Build 25-26  
 Project Number DAS-25MA01

Proposer Firm \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Selection Criteria		Value	Score
<b>1. Primary Firm Location, Workload and Size (Maximum 10 points)</b>			
a. Proximity of firm to project site	Less than aa miles	5	0
	aa miles to bb miles	2	
	More than bb miles	0	
b. Amount of fees awarded by Contracting Authority in previous 24 months	Less than \$50,000	2	
	\$50,000 to \$200,000	1	
	More than \$200,000	0	
c. Number of licensed professionals	Less than 5 professionals	1	Max = 3
	5 to 20 professionals	2	
	More than 20 professionals	0	
<b>2. Primary Firm Qualifications (Maximum 30 points)</b>			
a. Project management lead	Experience / ability of project manager to manage scope / budget / schedule / quality	0 - 10	Max = 20
b. Project design lead	Experience / creativity of project designer to achieve owner's vision and requirements	0 - 5	
c. Technical staff	Experience / ability of technical staff to create fully coordinated construction documents	0 - 5	
d. Construction administration staff	Experience / ability of field representative to identify and solve issues during construction	0 - 10	
<b>3. Key Consultant Qualifications (Maximum 20 points)</b>			
a. Key discipline leads	Experience / ability of key consultants to perform effectively and collaboratively	0 - 15	
b. Proposed EDGE-certified Consultant participation*	One point for every 2 percent increase in professional services over the EDGE participation goal	0 - 5	
<b>4. Overall Team Qualifications (Maximum 10 points)</b>			
a. Previous team collaboration	Less than 2 sample projects	1	Max = 3
	2 to 9 sample projects	2	
	More than 9 sample projects	3	
b. LEED** Registered / Certified project experience	Registered LEED v4.0 or v4.1 projects	1	Max = 2
	Certified LEED v4.0 or v4.1 projects	2	
c. BIM project experience	Training and knowledge	1	Max = 3
	Direct project experience	3	
d. Team organization	Clarity of responsibility / communication demonstrated by table of organization	0 - 2	
<b>5. Overall Team Experience (Maximum 30 points)</b>			
a. Previous team performance	Past performance as indicated by evaluations and letters of reference	0 - 10	
b. Experience with similar projects / delivery methods	Less than 2 projects	0 - 3	
	2 to 8 projects	4 - 6	
	More than 8 projects	7 - 10	
c. Budget and schedule management	Performance in completing projects within original construction budget and schedule	0 - 5	
d. Knowledge of Ohio Capital Improvements process	Less than 2 projects	0 - 1	
	2 to 8 projects	2 - 3	
	More than 8 projects	4 - 5	
* Must be comprised of professional design services consulting firms and NOT the lead firm - For more information on scoring this and other criteria refer to <a href="#">Document F199-01 - PS Selection Rating Rubric</a> .		<b>Subtotal</b>	
** Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design administered by Green Business Certification Inc.			

Notes:

Evaluator:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_