

Request for Qualifications (Registered Design Professional*)

State of Ohio Standard Forms and Documents

Administration of Project: Local Higher Education

Project Name	<u>KSU East Liverpool Nursing Program Relocation Study</u>	Response Deadline	<u>May 15, 2026</u>	<u>11:00am</u>	<u>local time</u>
Project Location	<u>East Liverpool</u>	Project Number	<u>KSU-26S302</u>		
City / County	<u>East Liverpool / Columbiana</u>	Project Manager	<u>Charmaine Iwanski</u>		
Owner	<u>Kent State University</u>	Contracting Authority	<u>Local Higher Education</u>		
Delivery Method	<u>General Contracting</u>	Prevailing Wages	<u>State</u>		
No. of paper copies requested (stapled, not bound)	<u>0</u>	No. of electronic copies requested (PDF)	<u>1</u>		

* "Registered Design Professional includes any architect holding a certificate issued under section 4703.10 of the Revised Code, any landscape architect holding a certificate issued under section 4703.36 of the Revised Code, or any engineer holding a certificate issued under section 4733.14 of the Revised Code." (Ohio Building Code section 4101:1-2-01 Definitions)

Submit the requested number of *Statements of Qualifications* (Form F110-330) directly to Michael Wasowski via <https://bidexpress.com>. See Section J of this RFQ for additional submittal instructions.

Interested parties may attend a pre-proposal meeting at 11:00am Wednesday May 6, 2026 in Room 102 Harbourt Hall, 615 Loop Road, Kent, Ohio 44242.

Project Overview

A. Project Description

Kent State University is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from qualified architectural firms to provide professional design and planning services for a phased renovation and space optimization project at the Kent State East Liverpool campus. Selection will also be the basis for a future contract to provide full A/E services for the phased construction.

Purinton Hall, originally constructed in 1915 and acquired by the University in 1968, currently houses classrooms and science laboratories supporting a range of academic programs. In 2024, the facility underwent infrastructure upgrades to accommodate the relocation of advanced nursing and occupational therapy laboratories from the Mary Patterson Building, addressing increasing demand for healthcare education across the state of Ohio.

As part of its ongoing strategic planning, the University is aligning campus facilities with current and projected enrollment trends. This project represents a phased initiative supported by capital funding.

The selected firm will provide comprehensive planning services for the consolidation and relocation of nursing laboratory and simulation lab functions and related academic spaces, encompassing approximately 10,000 gross square feet. Scope of services is expected to include programming, space planning, phasing and feasibility analysis, and design documentation to support future capital-funded construction project(s).

Firms should demonstrate experience with higher education facilities, healthcare or clinical learning environments including nursing simulation labs, physical and occupational therapy laboratories, and phased project delivery.

B. Scope of Services

The Program of Requirements for this phase of work has not been developed, and work will commence with the POR.

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/or the Contracting Authority, the cost breakdown of the A/E Agreement detailed cost components to address the Owner's project requirements. 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, Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Document Preparation, Bid and Award Support, Conformed Documents, 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 construction period, provide not less than four hours (excluding travel time) on-site construction administration services each week, including (1) attendance at progress meetings, (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.

Please list all major scope services needed to complete the selection process for successful project delivery. The specific scope of services must state particular building types, functional design or specialized professional services required to evaluate the level of experience of each applicant firm (e.g. parking garage, kitchen design, correctional facility, medical facility). The scope of services should also define the types of basic and additional professional design and administration services necessary for the project (e.g. LEED credentials and experience, previous experience with local jurisdiction or similar sites, previous experience working with the State of Ohio, Building Information Modeling (“BIM”) experience and training, specific BIM and Owner-defined requirements, level of development to be achieved within BIM models, BIM deliverables, and Owner’s intended use of BIM models after construction). This information will be used by each applicant to populate the Relevant Project Experience Matrix in Section F of Form F110-330.

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. Experience with Simulation Lab Design
2. Experience with Healthcare Education Projects
3. Experience with Interior Renovations in Higher Education
4. Experience with Construction in Occupied Classroom Building
5. Experience with Phased Renovation Projects
6. Experience using the OAKS Capital Improvement Management System

C. Estimated Budget / Funding

State Funding: \$65,000 planning study
 Other Funding: \$0
 Construction Cost: \$0
 Total Project Cost: \$65,000 planning study

D. Anticipated Schedule

Professional Services Start: 09 / 26
 Construction Notice to Proceed: mm / yy
 Substantial Completion of all Work: mm / yy
 Professional Services Completed: 12 / 26

E. Estimated Basic Fee Range (see note below)

8% to 9%

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 registered design professional 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
 Secondary _____
 Disciplines: Electrical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Plumbing Engineering

H. Additional Service Providers Required

Renderings
Hazardous Materials

NOTE: The lead A/E shall be (1) any architect holding a certificate issued under section 4703.10 of the Revised Code, (2) any landscape architect holding a certificate issued under section 4703.36 of the Revised Code, or (3) any engineer holding a certificate issued under section 4733.14 of the Revised Code.

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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.
- Proximity of prospective firms to the project site.
- Proposer's apparent resources and capacity to meet the needs of this project.
- 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 address how they will implement Building Information Modeling ("BIM") on the project, experience and level of training of staff related to BIM, incorporation of team partners that have previous BIM experience, and an understanding of collaborative BIM processes, including but not limited to the *State of Ohio BIM Protocol* available at the OFCC website at <https://ofcc.ohio.gov>.

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. Provide the electronic submittal via <https://bidexpress.com>.

Emailed pdfs of the *Statement of Qualifications* will not be accepted.

Facsimile copies of the *Statement of Qualifications* will not be accepted.

Registered Design Professional Selection Rating Form

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Project Name KSU East Liverpool Nursing Program Relocation Study Proposer Firm _____
 Project Number KSU-26S302 City, State, Zip _____

Selection Criteria		Value	Score
1. Primary Firm Location, Workload and Size (Maximum 10 points)			
a. Proximity of firm to project site	Less than 50 miles	5	
	50 miles to 100 miles	2	
	More than 100 miles	0	
b. Amount of fees awarded by Contracting Authority in previous 24 months	Less than \$500,000	2	
	\$500,000 to \$2,000,000	1	
	More than \$2,000,000	0	
c. Number of licensed professionals	Less than 5 professionals	1	Max = 3
	5 to 10 professionals	3	
	More than 10 professionals	2	
2. Primary Firm Qualifications (Maximum 30 points)			
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 - 10	
d. Construction administration staff	Experience / ability of field representative to identify and solve issues during construction	0 - 5	
3. Key Consultant Qualifications (Maximum 20 points)			
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	
4. Overall Team Qualifications (Maximum 10 points)			
a. Previous team collaboration	Less than 5 sample projects	1	Max = 3
	5 to 8 sample projects	2	
	More than 8 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	
5. Overall Team Experience (Maximum 30 points)			
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 5 projects	0 - 3	
	5 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 5 projects	0 - 1	
	5 to 8 projects	2 - 3	
	More than 8 projects	4 - 5	

* Must be comprised of registered professional design consulting firms and NOT the lead firm - For more information on scoring this and other criteria refer to [Document F199-01 - PS Selection Rating Rubric](#).
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Notes:

Evaluator:

Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____