

# REQUEST FOR LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING PROGRAMMING SERVICES

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for

## **Quad Renovation**

UA Project No. LAN-20-2345

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The University of Alabama

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## PROJECT SCHEDULE

February 16, 2020	Advertisement in Newspaper
March 3, 2020	Response deadline for LA/E Firms
March 3-6, 2020	UA Selection Committee Evaluation 1
March 9, 2020	Notification to the top ranked LA/E firms
March 25, 2020	UA oral interviews (top ranked LA/E firms)
March 26-27, 2020	LA/E rankings and Recommendation

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Quad, an iconic 22-acre quadrangle surrounded by academic buildings and stately trees, is also the social hub of The University of Alabama (“University”) serving as the location for numerous events over the course of a year and a primary stop for campus tours. Since the inception of the University, the Quad has served as the gateway to the academic heart of the campus.

The Quad was last renovated in the early 1900s with random sidewalks installed over the years, but lacks the integrated infrastructure, features, and layout to support current and future demands and expectations. The Quad Renovation project (“Project”) will focus on pedestrian connections, improved wayfinding and signage, gameday event support, enhanced lighting and technology support, improved drainage, and general improvements to support a healthy landscape.

Sidewalk widths will be increased and adjusted to efficiently carry the mass movement of students through this area during the academic day and events. Irrigation and drainage will be improved to prevent standing water and encourage healthy plant growth. Lighting will be enhanced to improve pedestrian security and ambiance. This Project will place a high priority on the protection and preservation of the existing trees and aesthetics during the renovation. These improvements will be made with the goal of maintaining the Quad as one of the most beautiful spaces on College campuses in the U.S. and as a world class gameday experience by providing better access for emergencies, organization of tailgaters, electrical, and communication connections.

Careful attention will also be given to protecting and highlighting cultural resources and elements located within the boundaries of the Quad including the Mound, Denny Chimes, and the remains of Madison Hall.

The Quad Renovations project will foster improved connectivity of the central corridor of the academic campus. The Quad will enrich the learning and work environment by providing an area which promotes an accepting, inclusive community that attracts and supports a diverse faculty, staff and student body. In addition, the Project will provide opportunities and resources that facilitate work-life balance and enhance the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty and staff. Programming for this project will be expected from the selected firm.

## PROJECT GOALS

All construction bid packages will be competitively bid in compliance with the State of Alabama Public Works Law (Code of Alabama, Title 39).

### **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

The University of Alabama (University) is seeking Landscape Architecture and Engineering teams to provide industry-leading design expertise for the Master Plan and preliminary design of the Quadrangle. Interested Alabama-based firms are encouraged to team with

national or international firms who have expertise and experience in designing dynamic multi use outdoor projects that are sensitive to the pedestrian traffic flow through this site, historic features, and preserving the existing aging forest. Extensive expertise with park planning, campus planning, landscape architecture, low impact design, programming, Arboriculture, pedestrian circulation, gameday activities, construction phasing, and cost estimating are required. The University seeks a document that is clear, concise, and visionary that is built upon the existing landscape, amenities, and natural resources. The team firm will be responsible for providing landscape architectural and engineering designs that satisfy the University design standards and guidelines, the Alabama Department of Finance, Real Property Management, Division of Construction Management, as well as any other applicable codes for this type of project. Please provide **one (1) hard copy and six (6) flash drives** of the responses by **5:00 pm local time on Tuesday, March 3, 2020**. Electronic submittals shall be generated in a presentation format (preferably Adobe PDF) including a cover/title page with your firm's name, project name and number and primary contact information. Each flash drive should be labeled with your company name or logo. All submittals can be hand delivered or registered postal. Faxed or late submittals will not be accepted.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Respondents shall carefully read the information contained in the following criteria and respond in their application.

**ONE: RESPONDENT'S STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS** *(Score 1 – 5)*

- A. Describe your firm's experience working with other universities and state agencies.
- B. Describe your firm's experience working with The University of Alabama ("University").
  - The University desires to have input in the procurement of consultants once the top ranked firm is selected.
- C. The University encourages the use of certified minority-owned businesses and certified women-owned businesses in its construction program. Describe your firm's approach in soliciting certified minority-owned or women-owned firms and consultants.

**TWO: RESPONDENT'S PERFORMANCE ON PAST REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS** *(Score 1 – 10)*

- A. Identify and describe the proposed team's past experience providing services that are **identical or similar** to this project within the last ten (15) years. List the projects in order of priority, with the most relevant project listed first.
- B. Provide references (for each project listed above, identify the following):
  - The Owner's name and their representative who served as the day-to-day liaison during the design and construction phases of the project, including current contact information.  
*The Owner may contact these references during this qualification process.*
- C. Has your firm/organization within the past seven (7) years ever been terminated from a design project? If yes, please give pertinent details.

**THREE: LITIGATION AND CLAIMS** (Score 1 – 5)

- A. Does your firm/organization or any of its officers currently have any judgments, claims, and arbitration or mediation proceedings pending or outstanding? If yes, please give pertinent details and outcome(s).
- B. Has your firm/organization within the past seven (7) years filed any lawsuits or requested arbitration or mediation proceedings in regard to any of your construction projects? If yes, please give pertinent details and outcome(s).

**FOUR: RESPONDENT’S ABILITY TO MEET INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS** (Score 1 – 5)

- A. Does your firm/organization have the ability to meet all of the University’s insurance requirements? (see attached)
- B. What is your process for managing any claims of the contractors during the project?

**FIVE: PROJECT SPECIFIC CRITERIA** (Score 1 – 10)

- A. What is your approach to programming for projects of this nature? Please address the following in your response.
  - 1. Client engagement and information gathering.
  - 2. Presentation methodology
  - 3. Cost estimating
- B. Discuss your expertise with park planning and campus planning and how pedestrian circulation and social activities impact design and functionality.
- C. Discuss your experience and standard of care when it comes to the coordination of other consultant’s or engineers.

**SELECTION PROCESS:**

Upon receipt, submittals will be evaluated by the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee will rank the A/E firms accordingly and firm may participate in oral Interviews (usually top three). Following oral interview evaluations, the top ranked A/E firms will be recommended to proceed as directed by the University. A contract will be negotiated with the top-ranked A/E firm as approved by the University. If a contract can be negotiated, then that firm will be selected. If a contract cannot be negotiated, then negotiations with the next highest ranked A/E firm will commence until an agreement satisfactory to the University is reached. Preference shall be granted to an Alabama-based firm when qualities are comparable.

**Notes:**

- 1. Upon entering into an Agreement, the selected firm will be required to submit a Vendor Disclosure Statement. Samples of these documents are attached for your review.
- 2. Project schedule is subject to change.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Insurance Requirements
- B. Vendor Disclosure Statement