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**RFQ Number:** FM210355

**Project Name:** Chemistry Building Seismic Improvements

**Project Summary:** Statements of Qualifications submittals are hereby solicited by the University of California, Santa Barbara (“University”) from design professionals and firms with relevant experience to provide design services for the Chemistry Building Seismic Improvements project (“Project”), as more fully described in this Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) No. FM210355. The ideal executive architect has experience leading seismic retrofit projects involving research buildings, as well as experience designing laboratory buildings in a higher education context, preferably within the University of California system.

**Project Description:** As currently scoped, the Project includes seismic improvements and renovation of the Chemistry Building (103,749 gsf), located on the northern edge of the Campus Green at the University of California, Santa Barbara. An evaluation of the Chemistry Building’s structural integrity has indicated a Seismic Performance Rating (“SPR”) of VI, failing to meet the requirements of the UC Seismic Safety Policy requiring an SPR of IV.

The UC Regents and the state approved the Project Planning Guide (“PPG”) for the Chemistry Building Seismic Improvements project which describes a novel, interior seismic retrofit project to achieve an SPR of IV. However, the concept design in the PPG requires a more comprehensive analysis to ensure both programmatic and operational requirements are met, as well as compliance with UC Seismic Safety Policy. With funding in-hand to complete Preliminary Plans, the project will begin with a Pre-Design phase to evaluate the viability of the approved PPG concept design and, if necessary, explore alternative design solutions including alternative retrofit approaches, building additions, or construction of a new replacement building. The findings of the Pre-Design phase will define a project scope that will serve as the basis of design for Phase 2, Design.

**Estimated Construction Cost:** The overall construction budget for the PPG project is approximately \$60,000,000.

**Scope of Services:** The draft scope of services for this project has two Phases. During Phase 1, Pre-Design, the design team will confirm the feasibility of the conceptual design proposed in the PPG and evaluate the associated impacts on building operation. Presuming a seismic retrofit is viable and recommended, the design team will proceed by identifying all programmatic requirements related to the proposed retrofit design approach, including restoration of interior and exterior areas impacted by the retrofit, critical deferred maintenance work, mandatory upgrades for fire/life safety and Americans with Disability Act accessibility requirements, and abatement of hazardous materials. The design team will also confirm the design budget for construction, incorporating programmatic details not previously identified.

If the PPG concept is determined to be either infeasible or not in alignment with Campus goals, the design team will explore alternative design solutions including alternative retrofit concepts, building additions, or construction of a new replacement building. The design team will assist the University in identifying a preferred alternative that meets UC Seismic Safety Policy and campus goals, which may require a revision of the PPG and temporarily delay progress to Phase 2, Design. The Pre-

Design phase will culminate with a confirmed scope and budget for construction that will serve as the basis of design for Phase 2, Design.

Phase 2 Design will encompass the architectural and engineering design of the project, including cost estimating, code analysis, value engineering, project scheduling, and coordination with campus personnel and other stakeholders. The culmination of Phase 2 work is preparation of supporting documents or information supporting campus submittals to UCOP to achieve project approvals.

Both phases, Pre-Design and Design, will require coordination, direction and approvals from the project's Building Committee which is composed of faculty, students, and professional staff. Alternative retrofit designs may also require review by the campus's Design Review Committee and Campus Planning Committee, prior to approval by the campus's Chancellor.

**Instructions for Applicants:** Qualified professionals and firms possessing relevant experience and expertise in providing design services for projects similar in scale, size and scope are encouraged to respond to this RFQ. The Request for Qualifications document will be made available on July 7, 2021 on the University's online planroom page located at [www.ucsbplanroom.com](http://www.ucsbplanroom.com). (click "RFQs" on the left side of the planroom home page and find the project title).

**Contact Information:** For additional project information contact the University Representative, Ed Schmittgen, at (805) 451-1186 or [ed.schmittgen@ucsb.edu](mailto:ed.schmittgen@ucsb.edu).

**SOO Deadline:** An electronic copy of your firm's SOQ submittal in .pdf format must be returned to the University no later than 4:00 p.m. either: (i) via email the UCSB planroom page at [www.ucsbplanroom.com](http://www.ucsbplanroom.com). (click "RFQs", the project title, and the "Submit Bid" tab on the project page); or, alternatively, (ii) an electronic (.pdf) copy may be delivered to the following physical address on a thumb drive:

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