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Project Name: North Campus Open Space Restoration Project

Project Number: FM150400

Project Description

The University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) is requesting statements of qualification for the preparation of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental document for the North Campus Open Space Restoration Project located on the North Campus. The University of California, Santa Barbara is planning the restoration of the North Campus Open Space (formerly the “Ocean Meadows Golf Course”) on the UCSB North Campus. Restoration, in part, is funded by grant money received by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and much of the work is in Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) jurisdiction. In addition to CEQA, services requested will support implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). It is not determined what level of NEPA may be required at this time and this will be determined as the project scope is better defined.

Qualifications are hereby solicited from design professionals interested in providing environmental consulting services for the preparation of a CEQA environmental document for the North Campus Open Space Restoration Project.

The consultant will provide documentation for UCSB as the lead agency under CEQA. The final deliverable is an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) document adhering to CEQA procedural requirements, respectively. A jurisdictional wetland delineation and cultural assessment will be required in accordance with the ACOE regulations.

The consultant will coordinate with UCSB to complete applicable draft and final IS/MND internal agency reviews and approvals. The environmental document will be consistent with CEQA at California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Sections 15000–15387. The consultant is required to have experience with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidelines for implementing the NEPA of 1969 (40 *Code of Federal Regulations* [CFR] Parts 1500–1508).

The proposed project will generally include:

Restoration/Creation of up to 50 acres of intermittently tidal estuary and diverse transitional wetland; twelve (12) acres of re-colonizing salt marsh vegetation on the existing golf course would be salvaged and replanted as part of the project. An estimated 4 acres of creek/freshwater marsh habitat will be converted to salt marsh, open water, and some freshwater marsh habitat by the mouths of four tributary creeks.

Excavation of up to 500,000 cubic yards of soil to be placed entirely on South parcel or another suitable site (not determined at this time). It is anticipated that no soil would be taken to a landfill.

Fill excavated from the former golf course would be placed on South Parcel and there would be a loss of approximately 3 acres of non-riparian willow scrubland due to fill placement. Other habitat loss on South Parcel includes primarily fennel, mustard, annual non-native grasses and a very small amount of wetlands (poor functioning in berms on South parcel), Baccharis scrub and about 0.01 acre of native grassland that will be salvaged. The work includes 50 acres of upland restoration, including bioswales, vernal pools, native grassland, coastal sage scrub and riparian habitats.

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Approximately two miles of trail would be created that will include at least two pedestrian bridges over tributaries and potentially one boardwalk over the slough and multiple small culverts to allow bioswale and small tributary water to connect to slough and drain off. One mile of trail would be approximately eight feet wide and potentially made of Class II road base. Other trails (on South Parcel) would be narrower and natural substrates.

The project will consist of removal of an existing grade control structure at Devereux Creek at the north end of Devereux Slough and potentially the addition of a causeway or other additional connection between this project and Devereux Slough. There would otherwise be no likely effect on the lower, existing Devereux Slough.

The project construction budget is in the range of \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000.

The planned date for the start of construction is Fall 2016.

General Instructions for Prospective Proposers

Consultants with residential renovation, restoration and rehabilitation experience in higher education setting or rural ranch setting are encouraged to respond. A copy of the Statement Qualifications Form will be available on the Contracting Services website: <http://web.facilities.ucsb.edu/contracts/proposals/> (click on the subject project link and download the project documents).

If you have difficulty downloading the document please call Ed Schmittgen at (805) 893-8343.

Five (5) hardcopy sets and one (1) digital copy (.pdf) of each consultant team's Proposal must be delivered to UCSB by 4:00pm on **April 2, 2015** to the following address:

Attn: Ed Schmittgen, Associate Director
Design & Construction Services
Facilities Management Bldg. 439, Room 'E'
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Santa Barbara, CA 93106-1030

Affirmative Action Statement

Each candidate firm will be required to show evidence of its equal employment opportunity policy. Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons shall have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University, regardless of: race; color; religion; sex; age; ancestry; national origin; sexual orientation; physical or mental disability; veteran's status; medical condition; genetic information; marital status; gender identity; pregnancy; service in the uniformed services; or citizenship within the limits imposed by law or University's policy.

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