



Harvard Community Unit School

District 50

Request for Qualifications **Architectural Services**



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

December 2, 2022

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Introduction

The Board of Education for Harvard CUSD 50 is soliciting Statements of Interest and Qualifications from qualified firms to provide comprehensive Architectural Services, as per (50 ILCS 510/) Local Government Professional Services Selection Act, to assist Harvard CUSD 50 in performing possible planning, remodeling, construction, life-health safety projects and special projects. The firm selected shall have the primary responsibility for execution of the planning, design, construction documentation, and construction administration phases of the project.

This RFQ is not an Invitation for Bid: responses will be evaluated on the basis of the relative merits of the Qualifications. There will be no public opening and reading of responses received by Harvard CUSD 50 pursuant to this request.

RFQ Submission

RFQ's are due by **January 27, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.** local time. Timely delivery is at the risk of the Respondent. Any submittals received after the deadline will be rejected.

Please submit:

Three (3) bound copies; and one (1) digital copy via email to:

Melissa Geyman Sell
CFO
Harvard CUSD 50
401 N. Division St.
Harvard, IL 60033
(815) 943-4022
msell@cusd50.org

Qualifications must be enclosed in a sealed envelope (or other sealed container); the package must clearly show the phrase "**Request for Qualifications - Architectural Services for Harvard CUSD 50**" and the Respondent's name.

Submittals should be prepared as standard 8-1/2 x 11 letter size, and shall be limited to 50 pages, exclusive of required attachments. Adherence to the maximum page criterion is critical; each page side with criteria information will be counted toward the maximum number of pages. Front and back covers, table of contents pages, and tabbed divider pages will not be counted if they do not contain submittal information.



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Schedule

The following is the proposed schedule for the selection of firms to provide architectural services:

- December 2, 2022 - Request for Qualifications Released
- January 3, 2023 at 1pm – Non-Mandatory Pre-submittal Meeting and Walk-through
Harvard Central Office
401 N. Division St.
Harvard, IL 60033
- January 13, 2023 - Last date for respondents to send clarifications / questions
- January 27, 2023 - Submissions due; evaluation of qualifications begins
- February 3, 2023 - Successful short-listed and unsuccessful firms notified
- February 2023 - Interviews with short-listed firms
- March 1-10, 2023 - Ranking of top 3 firms and contract negotiations
- March 15, 2023 - Committee recommends firm for Board Approval
- April 19, 2023 - Proposed Board action on firm to provide Services

Respondents' Inquiries and Addenda

Any questions or concerns regarding this RFQ shall be directed in writing to:

Sean Huffstutler
Director of Building and Grounds
Harvard CUSD 50
401 N. Division St.
Harvard, IL 60033
(815) 943-4022
shuffstutler@cusd50.org

Any responses to questions, or changes in this RFQ, shall be issued in writing as an addendum. Respondents must acknowledge addenda received as part of their submissions.

Oral and other interpretations or clarification will be without legal effect.

School District Background

Harvard Community Unit School District 50 proudly serves the children of the greater Harvard area. The district educates more than 2,600 students ranging from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade throughout 5 school buildings. Harvard CUSD 50 features a dual language program, one-to-one computing, advanced building trades curriculum, modern STEM classes, a high school business incubator, and yearly summer camps.



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The community of Harvard has supported public education since 1859 and is located in McHenry County, seven miles south of the Illinois/Wisconsin border.

General Information, Notifications, and Purpose

- a) Respondents are advised to review all sections of this RFQ carefully, and to follow instructions completely, as failure to make a complete submission as described elsewhere herein may result in rejection of the submittal. Qualifications which depart from or materially alter the terms, requirements, or scope of work defined by this Request will be rejected as being nonresponsive.
- b) Joint venture and/or cooperative professional teams will be considered.
- c) The inclusion of subconsultants (e.g.: Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Structural, etc.) will not be required to be included in the submittal.

General Terms and Conditions

- a) All costs associated with developing or submitting a qualifications statement in response to this Request, or to provide oral or written clarification of its content shall be borne by the respondent. Harvard CUSD 50 assumes no responsibility for these costs. This RFQ does not commit Harvard CUSD 50 to pay any costs incurred in preparation or submission of a response or in anticipation of a contract.
- b) This RFQ does not commit Harvard CUSD 50 to enter into a contract. Harvard CUSD 50 reserves the right to award one, more than one, or no contract(s) in response to this RFQ. Harvard CUSD 50 reserves the right to waive informalities and irregularities in the submissions of qualifications received. Harvard CUSD 50 also reserves the right to terminate this RFQ, and reissue a subsequent solicitation, and/or remedy technical errors in the RFQ process.
- c) The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the Respondent(s) whose submittal(s) is deemed most advantageous to Harvard CUSD 50, as determined by the selection committee, upon approval of Harvard CUSD 50 Board of Education.
- d) Harvard CUSD 50 reserves the right to contact any Respondent for clarification, interviews or to negotiate if such is deemed desirable by Harvard CUSD 50.
- e) The purpose of this Request for Qualifications is to identify an experienced Architectural Services firm with the best combination of qualifications.
- f) Requests for site visits and introductory meetings will be allowed.
- g) All Proposers are prohibited from making any contact with the District Personnel, Board of Education, or Superintendent or any other administrator or employee of the District with regard to the RFQ, other than in the manner and to the person(s) designated herein. The CFO reserves the right to disqualify any Proposer found to have contacted the people listed above in any manner with regard to the RFQ.



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General Description of Scope of Services

- a) The selected architectural firm will become part of a project team consisting of members of Harvard CUSD 50 and community stakeholders and to perform services as required.
- b) The Design Team may be requested to:
 - a. Attend meetings with Harvard CUSD 50 administrative staff as necessary.
 - b. Attend Harvard CUSD 50 Board of Education meetings as necessary.
 - c. Develop preliminary drafts of the Project Program for Harvard CUSD 50 review and comment.
 - d. Consult with Harvard CUSD 50 on budgetary and funding matters.
 - e. Consult with Harvard CUSD 50 on Project scheduling considerations.
Consult with Harvard CUSD 50 on general concepts of the Project scope of work and Project needs.
- c) The firm's services and product provided shall conform to the Illinois State School Code and be in accordance with all federal, state and local laws, codes, ordinances, and regulations.

Proposal Content

Statement of Interest –

Provide a signed statement of qualifications with the name and address of the respondent, expressing interest and capability to perform the work.

Firm Description – Provide the following:

- Firm Name, address, web address, telephone and fax numbers
- Contact person (provide direct phone number and e-mail)
- Number of years in business under current name
- Type of organization
- Disciplines offered in-house
- Special areas of practice
- Staffing information (number of architects, interior designers, engineers, etc.)
- List any previous names of firm and years of business under each name
- In the case of a multiple office firm, provide general information on the firm (locations, staffing, etc.) but also provide detailed information on the office that will be serving the District (key personnel, project experience, etc.). The office designated to serve the District, in the Qualifications submission, must be the office to perform the work in the event that the project is awarded to that firm.
- The short-listed firms may be requested to provide a copy of the firm's financial statement. Provide a copy of the firm's certificate of insurance



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indicating the levels of professional liability and general liability insurance coverage carried by the firm. Minimum coverage to be as follows:

General Liability [\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000]
Automotive Liability [\$1,000,000]
Professional Liability [\$1,000,000/\$1,000,000]
Worker's Compensation [Statutory Limits]

- List any litigation, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution within the last 5 years, arising out of any design work for any School District; and whether still pending, or if concluded, the final result. If so, please provide an explanation.

List if your firm (under current or previous names) has been terminated within the last 5 years from a project by a School District and, if so, for what reason. If so, list the name and contact information for the School District.

Firm Experience and Capabilities –

- Provide a list of all School District clients for which you have provided services for in the last ten years. Include project description (whether the project involved planning, new construction, additions or renovations), the type of architectural, engineering, other services and delivery method that you provided, as well as the client contact information.
- Please highlight your experience in performing work such as general construction, and life safety projects.
- Samples of work that demonstrate experience in preschool through high school environments are required.
- If your submittal includes affiliated firms or multi-disciplinary departments (e.g., mechanical, electrical or structural engineering), please identify them and provide similar information for them as outlined below.

Key Personnel & Experience –

- Provide a simple organizational chart identifying key members of the firm, including consultants.
- Provide resumes of project designers, managers, key staff and consultants relevant to the requirements of this RFQ, including their work experience, education, affiliations and awards. Resumes should not include project pictures or general firm information. Particular reference should be made to the firm's construction administration/observation personnel.
- If any staffing changes should occur between the submission of qualifications and the award of a contract, the architect must notify the



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District in writing. Unapproved staffing changes may result in a rejection of qualifications.

Project Approach –

Provide a brief discussion of the following:

- The methodology that your firm would use in conducting the project from inception to Owner acceptance. This should include strategies for collaboration, communication and community building. If your methodology utilizes any specialized software packages and computerized systems, please provide an adequate description and summary of capabilities.
- The firm's ability / experience to work in the McHenry County area. In your response, describe how your firm plans to respond when the District has immediate needs that require on-site attention.
- Your approach to project scheduling and cost estimating within the environment of the educational sector.
- The process your firm utilizes to investigate bidders to insure that they are qualified and equipped to satisfactorily complete a project.

References –

- Provide a minimum of three 3 references for architectural services performed on educational facilities in Illinois in the last five 5 years.

Disclosure – The District discloses that the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO); Facility Management – Professional Development Committee (FM-PDC), assisted with development of this RFQ.

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EXHIBIT A: Facility Addresses

School	Address	Grades Served
Washington	305 S. Hutchinson St. Harvard, IL 60033	Preschool
Crosby Elementary	401 Hereley Drive Harvard, IL 60033	K-3rd grade
Jefferson Elementary	1200 N. Jefferson St. Harvard, IL 60033	4th-5th grade
Harvard Junior High	1301 Garfield St. Harvard, IL 60033	6th-8th grade
Harvard High School	1103 N. Jefferson St. Harvard, IL 60033	9th-12th grade
Central Office	401 N Division St Harvard, IL 60033	