

Request for Qualifications – Architects HAZZARD GYMNASIUM RENOVATION PROJECT PHASE II

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, in accordance with policies of the Board of Trustees, is soliciting responses from qualified architects for the Hazzard Gymnasium Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The University seeks to begin a multiphase construction project for the Hazzard Gymnasium Building. The restoration will be done across several phases, as the work will be extensive. The gymnasium is located on the main campus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

The Hazzard Gymnasium, an 84,404 square foot facility, was completed in the early 1950s and served as the home of the Golden Lion basketball team until 1984. As the largest seated gathering space on the campus at one time, the Hazzard served as more than a basketball gym. It has served as a concert hall, an auditorium, a workout facility, an athletic equipment storage site, and a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) training site. The Hazzard currently serves as the training site of the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program. It is also home of the Lady Lion Soccer Team/locker room and it is an integral part of the educational and athletic programs of the university.

PROJECT SCOPE

UAPB Hazzard Gymnasium Renovation Phase II project encompasses a comprehensive range of improvements, from ensuring compliance with building codes and life safety standards to enhancing accessibility, functionality, and aesthetics. The proposed renovations will provide a modern, comfortable, and inclusive environment for users, meeting the evolving needs of the UAPB Hazzard Gymnasium. The proposed renovations will allow cadets, commanders, officers, stakeholders, and various constituents to experience a wholesome, holistic environment to engage in educational, training, and wellness activities.

Phase II of the project which includes renovations and upgrades to offices, classrooms, bathrooms, HVAC systems, and ensuring everything is within ADA compliance. Phase 3 will begin mid-2026.

The total project cost is currently estimated at \$7 million and would be implemented over multiple phases. Phase 2 totals \$2 million. Architects will work with Facilities Management and the building manager to implement the project.

ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE

<i>Request for Qualifications (RFQ) issued</i>	<i>October 27, 2024</i>
<i>Statement of Qualification (SOQ) due</i>	<i>November 15, 2024</i>
<i>Interviews of shortlisted firms</i>	<i>December 5, 2024</i>
<i>Board of Trustees selection announced</i>	<i>January 30, 2025</i>
<i>Contract negotiations</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Design starts</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Construction starts</i>	<i>TBD</i>
<i>Project Complete</i>	<i>TBD</i>

SUBMISSION

The deadline for responses is 1:00 pm local time on Friday, November 15, 2024.

All respondents will be notified of the results by EMAIL, so please provide accurate contact information.

Address eight (6) copies of responses to:

Alisha Lewis, Procurement Official
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
1200 N. University Drive
Administration Building-Office #102
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71601

Statements of Qualification will be reviewed by a selection committee using a standardized Design Services Shortlist Evaluation form.

Format requirements:

Printed responses should be no larger than 8.5in x 11in, limited to 50 sheets maximum (100 pages), fully recyclable (i.e. no plastic covers, plastic tabs, etc.) and bound with glue, staples, or thread (i.e. perfect bound, saddle stitching, etc.). No metal or plastic coils allowed. Responses that do not meet these requirements will be disqualified.

Please send a digital copy of the response via email to lewisal@uapb.edu in addition to the printed booklets.

To avoid potential conflicts of interest, respondents should not communicate with university faculty or staff about this project. This document provides the relevant information for assembling a Statement of Qualifications. If you have urgent questions, you can send them via email to lewisal@uapb.edu.

Content requirements:

Include the information below and organize it in an easily accessible manner. You do not need to divide the response into chapters exactly matching the description below. **Responses that do not include the required licensure information will be disqualified.**

1. Proof of licensure or eligibility:

Architects: All firms shall be licensed, or eligible for licensure, in the State of Arkansas. Eligible firms not currently licensed in Arkansas must send a letter to the Arkansas State Board of Architects (501-682-3171/501-682-3172 fax) stating their intent to respond to an RFQ issued by the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Please include project name, submittal date, and proof of valid NCARB certification in the letter. Consulting and joint venture firms are also required to be licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Architects. Notification to the State Board must be made PRIOR to responding to this solicitation and a **COPY OF EITHER A VALID ARKANSAS LICENSE OR THE LETTER OF INTENT TO THE STATE BOARD DESCRIBED ABOVE FOR ALL TEAM MEMBER FIRMS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THE RESPONSE.** The final selected firm(s) will have 30 days to make application for corporate licensure after they are awarded the contract.

2. Organization chart for design team and all consultants
3. **Specific project experience** (within the past five years) with integrating mechanical systems into existing buildings
4. **Specific project experience** (within the past five years) with institutional-quality interior design and architecture, with particular emphasis on integrating mechanical systems into existing spaces
5. Current office size, personnel description and projected workload
6. Experience constructing projects under nationally-recognized sustainable rating systems
7. Experience with fully commissioned projects
8. Proof of current professional liability insurance coverage (\$1,000,000 minimum required)
9. List of projects currently under contract with state agencies or educational facilities
10. Statement of diversity in the workforce, if applicable
11. Certificate of women-owned or minority-owned business, if applicable

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES REQUIRED

FEASIBILITY, ASSESSMENTS, GRAPHIC PRESENTATION, INTERIOR DESIGN, COST EVALUATION, SCHEMATIC DESIGN, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS, CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION, AND PROJECT CLOSEOUT.