



**State of Maine
Bureau of General Services
Division of Planning, Design & Construction**

**Request for Qualifications
Information for Architects and Engineers**

The Department of Corrections wishes to procure architectural/engineering services for the **Cattle Barn Demolition and New Construction at Bolduc Correctional Facility** in Warren, Maine.

Project Description

The scope of this project includes, but is not limited to, schedule and cost estimating, preliminary design, design development, contract documents, and construction and demolition administration. The firm may be required to coordinate this work or additional work with other consultants contracted by the Owner.

The Department seeks to demolish an existing 6,800 sq. ft. 2-story cattle barn and replace it with a new building to house the facility’s cows and other animals. The ultimate goal is to create an efficient and effective space that significantly enhances the facility's ability to support the animal rehabilitation program, contributing to its long-term success and positive impact on the community.

Project Budget

The construction budget is approximately \$325,000 with an overall project budget not to exceed \$375,000.

Anticipated Schedule

RFQ responses due	5/5/2023
Short-listed firms notified	by 5/12/2023
A/E firm interviews.....	5/22/2023 to 5/29/2023
A/E firm selection	6/5/2023
Agreement approved.....	by 7/7/2023
Project duration.....	7/10/2023 – 9/30/2024



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Submission Requirements

Interested firms should submit *one paper copy* and *one electronic copy* of a Letter of Interest with a Statement of Qualifications which includes the firm's response to each of the following criteria.

- A. qualifications to undertake this project;
- B. documented experience with budgets, estimating, and project cost control;
- C. list of projects that demonstrate the firm's capabilities;
- D. list of recently completed work of similar type and size projects, with client contact information for each project;
- E. organization of team and profiles of key personnel who would be involved in the project;
- F. statement of current workload and ability to absorb the project; and
- G. list of business references other than those listed above, including contact information.

The *paper copy* of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent to **Maine Department of Corrections, 25 Tyson Drive, Augusta, ME 04333-0111 Attn: Conner McFarland, Manager of Correctional Operations**, so as to be received not later than **1:00 PM on May 5, 2023**. The *electronic copy* of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent as an attachment to an email addressed to BGS.Architect@Maine.gov so as to meet the deadline noted above.

Firms responding will be screened and interviewed on the basis of qualifications only. Project fees and specific design solutions for this project will not be discussed at the interview. Specific program information will not be available before the screening of qualification packages. The selection committee will rank all firms and negotiate fees with the highest ranked firm.



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Architect-Engineer Procurement Process

The standard procurement process of Architect and Engineer design services for public improvements is a Qualification Based Selection (QBS) process per statute (Title 5, §1742 subsection 6), described briefly here.

1. The advertisement of this Request for Qualifications is the initial step in the process after the Agency assures that the project itself is approved and funded. A clear scope of services statement is an essential component of the advertisement.
2. Interested firms respond to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as described below, submitting the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications to the Selection Committee.
3. The Selection Committee screens all submissions and invites the most qualified firms to interview for the project, typically three to five firms.
4. The Selection Committee interviews the firms. Second interviews may be scheduled. References are checked.
5. The Selection Committee ranks all of the interviewed firms. The Committee negotiates an agreement with the highest ranked firm based on the scope of professional services identified in the RFQ and interview.
6. A BGS Architect/Engineer Agreement is drafted.
7. The agreement must be approved by BGS before work commences.