

San Luis Obispo Community College District AV Design RFQ - Question Responses

- 1) Will the interviews be held in person or virtually?
 - A. All interviews will be virtual.

- 2) The RFQ is looking to qualify an AV Vendor “to provide professional services for this effort by designing upgrades to 140 instructional spaces, 25 meeting spaces, 15 digital signage installations, and the performing arts center.”

Does this include also providing the professional services to supply all equipment and installation, in addition to providing the design?

- A. This RFQ is specifically for the design portion of the AV project. Public Contact Code precludes the District from entering into any Design-Build agreements unless the project value is equal to or greater than \$2.5M. At this point, we cannot confirm our project will meet this threshold. Therefore, we are proceeding in a traditional Design-Bid-Build format.

- 3) Can you please provide the As-Built or Architectural Drawings of the site for the AV Design Services project for the San Luis Obispo Community College District?
 - A. The District does not have any as-built drawings that depict the current AV installations. A thorough review of all locations will be conducted with the selected designer.

- 4) Can you please clarify that if we were to win the design portion of the project, would we also be able to respond future bids to provide the equipment and integration?
 - A. For this project, if a vendor was selected as the designer, then that vendor would not be allowed to bid on the implementation unless the project exceeded \$2.5M in cost; then a design-build approach could be considered.

- 5) To clarify the “Project Team” (section 4.2.6.4) Is it the responsibility of this scope to engage an architect and design team (including an electrical & telecom engineer, structural engineer, acoustician, etc. to support and submit ultimately to DSA (by each phase)? Or, is the expectation that the awarded bidder of this RFQ to hand the Audiovisual design only and exclude all other services that impact the physical layout of the space (including new wall backing, infrastructure and electrical changes, etc.)? If the project Team is to include architectural and architectural engineering team members as sub-consultants, are we to include this information for the resumes and hourly rates (per sections 4.2.6.7 and 4.2.6.8)?
 - A. The District has an architect contracted that will be utilized only if necessary. However, the District would prefer the design documents be handled by a single entity. For the purposes of this RFQ, please only include resume information for your firm’s project team.

- 6) Are you expecting to directly contract an architectural team that the awarded bidder will work with as part of these design services for each phase or design grouping including a cost estimator for the construction scope (separate from the AV equipment cost estimating)?
 - A. The District has an architect contracted that will be utilized only if necessary. We expect the AV design team to have estimating capabilities based on the agreed upon scope of improvements.

- 7) Once awarded, are there digital plans that will be made available of the spaces within the scope of this project that we can use as a reference and to use as drawing backgrounds for planning purposes during the executed scope of services? Or, are we expected to assess and re-draw spaces (or scan to convert older plans)?
- A. The District has PDF drawings of each building. However, no digital backgrounds exist for integration into any software.
- 8) Does this scope intend to include the development of standards per section 2.1-D?
- A. The District has developed a set of standards that may be reworked with the assistance and guidance of the selected design firm.
- 9) Do you have architects that you recommend that have worked on the campus previously or is there a campus architect already on ecologist staff to help support the project?
- A. The District has an architect contracted that will be utilized only if necessary. However, the District would prefer the design documents be handled by a single entity.
- 10) There are quantities of room types but not a floor plan. Will a basic floor plan be provided prior to bid submission?
- A. Yes. PDF floorplans for each building will be provided to the selected design firm.
- 11) Will the awarded AV design firm be allowed to bid on the integration implementation portion of the project?
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- 12) Can it be expected that this constitutes attending weekly OAC meetings for duration of construction cycle? Expected duration/project timeline?
- A. It is safe to assume participation in weekly OAC meetings. At this time, an anticipated project duration has not been determined. This will be greatly impacted by the scope of each space.
- 13) Will all bidders have visibility of all RFI questions from other bidding organizations?
- A. Yes. A comprehensive document will be sent out and posted on the District's website.