

RFQ-SJR-05-2023 Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Pre-Qualified Contractor-New Certificate

RFQ SPECIFICATIONS DOCUMENT

(Application for New Certificate for Calendar Year 2023)

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1.0 INVITATION TO RESPOND & GENERAL INFORMATION

St. Johns River State College (SJR State) invites building, general, civil, mechanical, and roofing contractors, not currently pre-qualified, to apply for pre-qualified contractor (new certificate) status for the period from January 1 through December 31, 2024 (Calendar Year 2024). A valid certificate of pre-qualification is required to be eligible to bid on projects related to construction, renovation, remodeling, major repairs, roof replacements, and site work at any of the College's campuses in Clay, Putnam and St. Johns Counties. The anticipated projects for this period are listed in Section 3.0. The preferred construction delivery method for the college is hard bid.

The procedures to be followed to apply for a new certificate are prescribed in this RFQ-SJR-05-2023 Specifications Document. The RFQ Specifications Document can also be obtained by sending an e-mail request to Mrs. Terry Thomas, Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management, at terrythomas@sjrstate.edu or by downloading the document from the SJR State website at https://www.sjrstate.edu/052023.

RFQ responses, sealed and identified on the outside of the submission with the Contractor's name and RFQ-SJR-05-2023, are due by 3:00 p.m. EST on November 13, 2023, to St. Johns River State College, Business Office Attn: Terry Thomas, Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177. <u>Faxed, e-mailed, conditional, and RFQ responses delivered to the wrong location will not be considered</u>. SJR State is not responsible for any cost incurred by the applicant in their effort to respond to this RFQ for pre-gualified status.

RFQ responses received by the deadline will be publicly opened and the names of Contractors for a new certificate of prequalification will be read aloud on November 13, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. EST in Room A-152, on the SJR State Campus at 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, FL. Submissions will not be evaluated at this meeting. The list of Contractors for consideration will be published on the College's web page dedicated to this RFQ at https://www.sirstate.edu/052023 on November 14, 2023.

On November 27, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. EST, in Room A-152 on the SJR State Campus, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Florida, a committee will publicly evaluate the submissions for the purpose of preparing a list of Contractors recommended for new certificates. The basis for new pre-qualification certificates (pre-qualified contractor status) is to meet all RFQ specifications. Contractors recommended for new certificates will be posted on the College's web page dedicated to this RFQ on November 28, 2023, and this will constitute the Notice of Intent to Award new certificates.

Action to award RFQ-SJR-05-2023 is expected at the SJR State DBOT meeting on December 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. EST. The Notice of Award will be posted on the web page dedicated to this RFQ on December 7, 2023.

SJR State reserves the right to reject any or all RFQ responses received, to waive any or all informalities in regards thereto, and to award certificates which are in the best interest of the College for the upcoming pre-qualification period.

Attendance at the public meetings on Nov. 13, Nov. 27 and Dec. 6, 2023, is not a requirement for pre-qualification.

Information, including but not limited to, responses to questions, addenda if any, scheduling changes if any, and notices regarding notice of intent to award and notice of award will be posted on the College's web page dedicated to this RFQ at https://www.sjrstate.edu/052023.

Contractors for new certificates *must* monitor this web page. The web page will be updated as the RFQ process progresses until marked 'Closed' at the top of the page.

Certificates of pre-qualification confirming the award of a new certificate for Calendar Year 2024 will be sent via U.S. mail to contractors approximately 30 business days after notice of award.

2.0 RFQ SCHEDULE

Date/Time	Item	Location
October 19, 2023-College web page dedicated to RFQ online: https://www.sjrstate.edu/052023		
Oct. 19, Oct. 26,	Legal Public Notices Published	Palatka Daily News, St. Augustine
and Nov. 2	(Invitation to Respond)	Record, and Clay Today
Nov. 13, 2023	Deadline for Receipt of RFQ	Business Office-SJR State
3:00 PM EST	Responses	Palatka Campus
Nov. 13, 2023	RFQ Responses Opened & List of	Bldg. A, Room A152, SJR State
3:30 PM EST	Contractors Prepared – Public	Palatka Campus
	Meeting	
Nov. 14, 2023	List of Contractors Posted	RFQ Web Page
		https://www.sjrstate.edu/052023
Nov 15 – 27, 2023	Committee Members Review	Online Digital Review
	Submissions Individually	
Nov. 27, 2023	Committee Evaluation of RFQ	Bldg. A, Room A152, SJR State
1:30 PM EST	Responses-Public Meeting	Palatka Campus
Nov. 28, 2023	Notice of Intent to Award RFQ	RFQ Web Page
	Posted On Web Page	https://www.sjrstate.edu/052023
Nov. 29 – Dec. 1,	Protest Period Open	
2023	·	
Dec. 6, 2023	Award of RFQ by DBOT	Meeting will be held in Room
3:00 PM EST	Public Meeting	A152 in the Administration
	-	Building on SJR State Palatka
		Campus
Dec. 7, 2023	Notice of RFQ Award	RFQ Web Page
	Posted on web page	https://www.sjrstate.edu/052023

The College reserves the right to modify the above schedule if it is in the best interest of the College. Should there be changes to a scheduled date, time or location, an addendum to the RFQ Specifications Document will be issued and posted on the web page dedicated to this RFQ at https://www.sjrstate.edu/052023. In order to be considered responsive, contractors must acknowledge any and all addenda issued by the College in their response to the RFQ.

St. Johns River State College Campus Locations:

Palatka Main Campus, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177 Orange Park Campus, 283 College Drive, Orange Park, FL 32065 St. Augustine Campus, 2990 College Drive, St. Augustine, FL 32084 Workforce Training Center, 1001 Husson Avenue, Palatka, 32177

Anticipated capital improvement projects in Calendar Year 2024

Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Miscellaneous minor construction, renovation, remodeling, general repairs, space addition, roof repair or replacement, and site work projects at any SJR State campus locations.
- All projects will be designed and built according to the State Requirements for Educational Facilities (SREF) and the latest edition of The State of Florida Building Code.
- The construction delivery method during this pre-qualification period for projects in excess of the threshold amount provided in F.S. 287.017 for Category Three is expected to be <u>hard bid</u>.
- Projects may be conducted simultaneously, in phases or as an individual project.

SJR State anticipates the above projects but makes no guarantee that any project will be initiated during the prequalification period for this RFQ, or thereafter.

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4.0 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All contractors submitting a response to this RFQ understand and agree that the affirmative act of submitting a response constitutes acceptance and agreement to the General Terms and Conditions. Lack of knowledge by the contractor shall in no way be cause for relief from responsibility.

Taxes: SJR State is tax exempt. Florida Sales Tax: 85-8013170533C-4

All contractors and their sub-contractors are responsible for their applicable taxes during performance of work under any awarded contract or purchase order with SJR State.

Sovereign Immunity: St. Johns River State College is a political subdivision of the State of Florida. As such, the College is entitled to sovereign immunity except to the extent of the waiver set forth in 768.28 F.S. The College's performance under any resulting agreement and any amendments thereto or attachments connected therewith, shall at all times be subject to any and all state laws, state regulations and College District Board of Trustee Rules which are applicable to the College's operations, commitments and/or activities in furtherance of any terms specified herein.

Pre-Qualifying Costs: SJR State is not responsible for any cost incurred by the applicant in their effort to apply for pre-qualified status.

Public Entity Crimes: In accordance with the Public Entity Crimes statute F.S. 287.133 (2) (a) a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a BID, RFP, or RFQ for a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in F.S. 287.017 for Category Two for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list. **Notice to Contractor: By signing the submittal forms you attest that you or those listed in F.S 287 related to public entity crimes have not been placed on the convicted vendor list.**

Pre-Qualification Period: Successful award of a pre-qualification certificate (pre-qualified contractor status) under this RFQ qualifies a contractor to respond to competitive solicitations <u>issued in the category for which a contractor is approved during pre-qualification period</u>. The pre-qualification period for certificates awarded under this RFQ is Calendar Year 2024 (January 1 through December 31, 2024).

Laws, Ordinances, Rules, Regulations, Permits, and Licenses: Contractor shall observe and obey all the laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, and policies of the District Board of Trustees of St. Johns River State College and the federal and state governments which may be applicable to the Contractor's operation at St. Johns River State College, and shall, at the sole cost of the Contractor, obtain and maintain all permits and licenses necessary to comply with such requirements and standards. Contractors must be licensed to do business in the state of Florida. Contractors must submit a copy of <u>all</u> licenses held.

Confidentiality: The contractor is hereby warned that any part of its response to this RFQ or any other material marked as confidential, proprietary, or trade secret can only be protected to the extent permitted by Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (Public Records Law). Financial records submitted in response to this RFQ are not public records.

Assignment: No agreement, nor any duties or obligations under any agreement or contract resulting from the successful pre-qualification of a contractor shall be assigned by Contractor without prior written consent of the College.

Independent Contractor: Nothing herein is intended or shall be construed as in any way creating or establishing the relationship of co-partners between the parties or in any way making the Contractor the agent or representative of the College for any purposes in any manner whatsoever. The contractor is, and shall remain, an independent Contractor with respect to all services performed.

Open Competition: The College encourages free and open competition among Contractors. Whenever possible, specifications, proposal invitations, and conditions are designed to accomplish this objective, consistent with the necessity to satisfy the College's needs and the accomplishment of a sound economical operation. The Contractor's signature on this proposal guarantees that the Contractor, its agents, officers, or employees have not bribed or attempted to bribe or influence in any way an officer, employee, or agent of the College.

Conflict of Interest: Pursuant to Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, contractors must disclose with their submission the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of the College or a member of the District Board of Trustees. Contractors must disclose the name of any College employee or Trustee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of 5% or more in the Proposer's business or any of its branches or dealerships.

Proposed Materials: The material submitted in response to the Request for Qualifications becomes the property of the College upon delivery to the Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management and may be appended to any formal document which would further define or expand any contractual relationship between the College and the Contractor related to this RFQ. Additionally, any material or documentation submitted in response to this solicitation will be a public document pursuant to Section 119.07 Florida Statutes, excluding financial records. This includes material which the Contractor might consider to be confidential or a trade secret. Any claim of confidentiality is waived upon submission effective after public opening pursuant to FS 119.07 with the exception of financial records.

Proprietary Material: All rights to proprietary material related to a bid, RFP, RFQ or contract, if awarded, must be transferable to the College in the event the Contractor or vendor goes out of business. Additionally, any material or documentation submitted in response to a competitive solicitation will be a public document pursuant to Section 119.07 Florida Statutes, excluding financial records requested under RFQ-SJR-05-2023. This includes material which the Contractor might consider to be confidential or a trade secret. Any claim of confidentiality is waived upon submission effective after public opening pursuant to FS 119.07 (excludes financial records requested under this RFQ).

Insurance Requirements: Contractor shall obtain, maintain, and pay for insurance in the categories listed below. The insurance coverage in each category shall meet or exceed the minimum limits set forth in this document. Limits or types of coverage may be increased by the College depending on the scope of work of any project or at any time based upon the recommendation of the College's Risk Management Consortium.

The insurance shall cover the Contractor's entire operations under the agreement with the College and shall be effective throughout the effective period of agreement or any subsequent agreement. It is not the intent of this schedule to limit the types of insurance otherwise required or that the Contractor may desire to obtain.

Proof of insurance at the required levels must be submitted with the RFQ response. Proof of insurance at the required levels for a project may also be requested to be submitted with responses to competitive solicitations.

At the time of competitive solicitation award and prior to any work being done, the Contractor shall submit a certificate of insurance at the required levels with St. Johns River State College included as additional named insured on each applicable policy, and each policy shall include a provision of 30 days written notice to the College of cancellation prior to the expiration date of the policy.

Builder's Risk Insurance policies may be required for contractors to submit depending on the scope of an awarded bid.

Insurance Schedule:

Policy: Workers Compensation
Minimum Limits: WC Statutory Limits

Policy: Professional Liability

Minimum Limits: Not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence Deductible: Per occurrence not to exceed \$50,000

Policy: Comprehensive General Liability Insurance

Minimum Limits: \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence

\$1,000,000 Personal and Adv Injury \$2,000,000 General Aggregate

\$2,000,000 Products-Comp/OP Aggregate

Policy: Automobile Liability for all owned, hired or non-owned autos

Minimum Limits: \$1,000,000 Combined Single Limit (Each Accident)

Bonds: Public construction (payment & performance) bonds may be required for projects depending on the scope and construction cost of a project and must be provided to the College prior to notice given to a contractor to proceed on any project. Bid guarantee (bid bonds or other approved alternates made payable to St. Johns River State College) will be required with bid submissions for any and all projects.

Indemnification: The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Owner, Architect, Architect's Consultants, and agents and employees of any of them from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the Work, provided that such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself) including loss of use resulting there from, but only to the extent caused in whole or in part by negligent acts or omissions of

the Contractor, a Subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by them or anyone for whose acts they may be liable, regardless of whether or not such claim, damage, loss or expense is caused in part by a party indemnified hereunder. Such obligation shall not be considered to negate, abridge, or reduce other rights or obligations of indemnity which would otherwise exist.

Verification of Employment Eligibility, E-Verify System: Effective January 1, 2021, all pre-qualified contractors must comply with Florida Statute 448.095, Verification of Employment Eligibility, requiring the use of the federal E-Verify system. For purposes of applying for a new certificate of pre-qualification, respondents will be required to acknowledge that they will comply with Florida Statute 448.095. Furthermore, proof of compliance may be required by the College prior to entry into contract with the College.

RFQ Interpretation and Questions Regarding the RFQ and RFQ Process: Interpretation of the wording of this document shall be the responsibility of the College, shall be communicated by the Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management, and that interpretation shall be final.

Direct all questions related to this RFQ to Mrs. Terry Thomas, Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management, via e-mail at terrythomas@sirstate.edu.

Questions and requests for clarification will be accepted up to 72 hours prior to the deadline for RFQ response submission. Answers to questions and requests for clarification received within 72 hours of the deadline for submission will receive replies no later than 48 hours from the deadline for submission. Replies will be posted on the College's web page related to this RFQ at https://www.sjrstate.edu/052023. An addendum to RFQ specifications will be issued should any clarification necessitate, at the sole discretion of the College, an amendment to, or addition or deletion of, any wording in the RFQ specifications document. Addenda, if issued, will be posted on the web page dedicated to the RFQ and must be acknowledged by all respondents in their response.

Any and all addenda issued to RFQ Specifications Document becomes part of the specifications and qualification criteria.

Only interpretations or clarifications issued by the Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management for St. Johns River State College, in writing, and posted on the web page dedicated to this RFQ shall be binding. Contractors are advised that no other source is authorized to provide information, explain, interpret or clarify the RFQ documents. It is the responsibility of the contractor to consult the web page regarding this RFQ for information, clarifications, addenda and notices during the RFQ process until the status on the page is listed as 'Closed.' Failure to meet the specifications for any changes or additions required on the web page are grounds for rejection of the contractor's submission.

Cone of Silence Period: RFQ selection committee members, with the exception of the Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management, other SJR State employees, and members of the District Board of Trustees are not to be contacted <u>regarding this request for qualifications</u> during the RFQ process, except as prescribed in section 120.57(3) Florida Statutes, for the purpose of discussing the selection process or in attempt to further their interest in being selected for pre-qualified contractor status. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification of the Contractor seeking a new certificate of pre-qualification. SJR State reserves the right to contact any Contractor if it determines that further information is required.

Errors and Omissions: The Contractor is expected to comply with the true intent of this RFQ taken as a whole and shall not avail itself of any errors or omissions to the detriment of the services or requirements herein. Should the Contractor suspect any error, omission, or discrepancy in the specifications or instructions, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management in writing, who in turn will issue written instructions to be followed and the instructions will be posted on the web page dedicated to this RFQ. The Contractor is responsible for the contents of its submission and for satisfying the requirements set forth in the RFQ Specifications Document and published on the web page dedicated to this RFQ.

Contractor's Responsibility: It is understood, and the Contractor hereby agrees that it shall be solely responsible for all services that it proposes.

Contractor's Warranty of Ability to Perform: By submitting a response to this RFQ, the Contractor warrants that there is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or equity, before or by a court, governmental agency, public board or body, pending or, to the best of the Contractor's knowledge, threatened, which would in any way prohibit, restrain or enjoin the execution or delivery of the Contractor's obligations, or diminish the Contractors financial ability to perform.

RFQ Response Rejection: The College shall have the right to reject any or all responses and in particular to reject a response not accompanied by data required by the RFQ, or a response in any way incomplete or irregular. Conditional RFQ responses will not be considered. The College reserves the right to award pre-qualification status to a Contractor in a category other than the category requested by the respondent if the respondent fails to satisfy the College that it meets the criteria for pre-qualification in the category requested. The College reserves the right to request additional information or clarification of any material submitted. Faxed, e-mailed, late, delivered to wrong address, and conditional responses will not be considered, with the exception that any additional information or clarification requested of the Contractor after the deadline for submission may be e-mailed to the Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management upon request to do so.

RFQ Selection Committee Authority: The Selection Committee may recommend a category lower than the category requested by the contractor if the committee determines that materials submitted in response to this RFQ better meet and support the criteria for the category recommended by the committee. In order for a Contractor to <u>pre-qualify in a particular category, the Contractor must be bondable for a single project at the highest dollar value of that category.</u>

The Selection Committee reserves the right to clarify and/or verify any response information submitted by the Contractor and to request additional information in support thereof as it deems appropriate, delivered in any format requested, and at any time during the RFQ process.

RFQ responses which are found to contain inaccurate and/or incomplete information may be deemed non-responsive and are grounds for rejection of the response.

Performance Inquiry: As part of the RFQ response evaluation, the College may make inquiries to determine the ability of the Contractor to perform the work. The College reserves the right to reject any proposal if the Contractor fails to fully provide information requested and to satisfy the College that it has the proper qualifications to carry out the obligations for performance of projects satisfactorily. In so determining, the College may verify that any or all projects submitted in response to the criteria for references and projects in progress or completed are/were performed by the Contractor in a satisfactory manner. In order to be awarded a new certificate, any projects contracted with the College must have been performed, or are currently being performed, by the Contractor in a satisfactory manner at the sole discretion of the College.

Severability: If any provision of this specifications document or any agreement resulting from this RFQ is contrary to, prohibited by, or deemed invalid by applicable laws or regulations of any jurisdiction in which it is sought to be enforced, then said provisions shall be deemed inapplicable and omitted and shall not invalidate the remaining provisions of the agreement. In the event any provision of this RFQ or any agreement resulting from this RFQ shall be held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by an administrative hearing officer in accordance with Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof.

Public Records: To the extent that contractor meets the definition of "contractor" under Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes, in addition to other contract requirements provided by law, contractor must comply with public records laws, including the following provisions of Section 119.0701, Florida Statutes: Keep and maintain public records required by the College to perform the service. Upon request from the College's custodian of public records, provide the college with a copy

of the requested records or allow the records to be inspected or copied within a reasonable time at a cost that does not exceed the cost provided in chapter 119, F.S., or as otherwise provided by law.

Ensure that public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements are not disclosed except as authorized by law for the duration of the contract term and following completion of the contract if the contractor does not transfer the records to the college. Upon completion of the contract, transfer, at no cost, to the college all public records in possession of the contractor or keep and maintain public records required by the college to perform the service. If the contractor transfers all public records to the college upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall destroy any duplicate public records that are exempt or confidential and exempt from public records disclosure requirements. If the contractor keeps and maintains public records upon completion of the contract, the contractor shall meet all applicable requirements for retaining public records. All records stored electronically must be provided to the college, upon request from the college's custodian of public records, in a format that is compatible with the information technology systems of the college.

If the contractor has questions regarding the application of Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, to the contractor's duty to provide public records related to the contract, contact the custodian of public records, Melissa Miller, St. Johns River State College, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177 at (386)312-4106, or melissamiller@sjrstate.edu.

The contractor acknowledges that the college cannot and will not provide legal advice or business advice to the contractor with respect to its obligations pursuant to this section related to public records. The contractor further acknowledges that it will not rely on the college or its counsel to provide such business or legal advice, and that the contractor has been advised to seek professional advice with regard to public records matters addressed by any agreement resulting from this RFQ. The contractor acknowledges that its failure to comply with Florida law and said agreement with respect to public records shall constitute a material breach of said agreement and grounds for termination.

Venue: Any contract resulting from this RFQ, and any disputes hereunder, shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and enforced in the courts of the State of Florida. College and Contractor hereby agree that venue shall be in Putnam County, FL.

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990: If special accommodations are required in order to attend a public meeting related to this RFQ, it is requested that the Contractor communicate this request to the Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Protests: Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under chapter 120, Florida Statutes. The College will provide a notice of decision or intended decision by electronic posting. Protests must be filed within 72 (seventy-two) hours after the posting of the notice of decision or intended decision with the College's Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO and a copy to the Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management. Protests may be preliminarily filed, if followed by a certified mail original, via facsimile transmittal to 386-312-4167. Failure to file a notice of protest, failure to file a formal written protest, or failure to post the bond or other security shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under FS 120.57. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based.

Late Submissions: Contractors who do not comply with SJR State's procedures or deadlines established will not be considered. SJR State will retain all application materials received by the submission deadline. Responses received after the stipulated date and time will be retained by the College unopened and will not be considered. Applications (RFQ Responses) that do not comply with the instructions set forth and/or do not include the qualifying information required may be considered incomplete, non-responsive, and may be rejected.

All response materials become the property of SJR State upon receipt by the Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management and may only be withdrawn from consideration by written notice to the Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management <u>prior</u> to the submission deadline. Response materials for submissions withdrawn from consideration will not be returned. No responses may be withdrawn from consideration after the submission deadline without express written permission from the College.

5.0 PRE-QUALIFICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR A NEW CERTIFICATE

Pre-Qualification Categories for Calendar Year 2024: Pre-Qualification Categories indicate the total dollar volume of work the contractor is permitted to have under contract with SJR State at any one time (subject to bonding capacity) and the maximum dollar value of any individual project under contract (subject to bonding capacity) with SJR State at one time.

Pre-Qualification Categories	Category Thresholds	
	(Must be able to bond a single project at the top	
	threshold number to qualify in the category.)	
	\$0 - \$200,000	
Category 1	Zero dollars to two-hundred thousand dollars	
	\$0 - \$1,000,000	
Category 1A	Zero dollars to one million dollars	
	\$0 - \$2,000,000	
Category 2	Zero to two million dollars	
	\$0 - \$4,000,000	
Category 3A	Zero to four million dollars	
	\$0 - \$6,000,000	
Category 3B	Zero to six million dollars	
	\$0 - \$10,000,000	
Category 4	Zero to ten million dollars	
	\$0 - \$12,000,000	
Category 5	Zero to twelve million dollars	
	\$0 - \$16,000,000	
Category 6	Zero to sixteen million dollars	
	\$0 to \$20,000,000	
Category 7	Zero to twenty million dollars	
	\$0 to \$30,000,000	
Category 8	Zero to thirty million dollars	

Note: The pre-qualification categories listed are not indicative of any budget for any particular project. The category thresholds do not imply that the College anticipates projects in any particular category during the pre-qualification period.

To qualify for a new certificate the respondent must successfully meet all criteria and the information must be complete. Criteria is graded on a pass or fail basis. The final determination for certificate renewal is that the submission meets (passes) all criteria listed.

The College reserves the right to award pre-qualification status to a Contractor in a category other than the category requested by the respondent if the respondent fails to satisfy the College that it meets the criteria for pre-qualification in the category

requested. The College reserves the right to request additional information or clarification of any material submitted, and to verify work performance.

Submit documents in the order listed. Failure to do so may be grounds for disqualification.

Order for Submission Sections	Evaluation Criteria Sections Title	Evaluation Criteria The name of the Contractor must appear on the first page of each section of the submission.
1	Cover Page for Respondent's Submission	Cover sheet must include: • RFQ-SJR-05-2023 • Name and Address of Contractor
2	Prequalified Contractor Designation	Submit Appendix A
3	General Information about Contractor	 Submit Appendix B List of principals, officers, contact information and history of the Contractor including state and date of incorporation (Form must be signed and notarized.) The form must be signed by a person or persons legally authorized to bind the Contractor. List any major changes in ownership, officers, or principles.
4	Public Entity Crimes	Submit Appendix C • (Form must be signed and notarized.) • There must be no public entity crimes as per F.S. 287.133 (2) (a).
5	Contractor's Licenses	Contractor Licenses: Submit copy of Business License and copy of contractor's license and trade categories. • Must be licensed to do business in the state of Florida. Must have valid contractor's license(s). • If you have a licensed roofing contractor(s) on your payroll (do not include a subcontractor) include a copy of the license.
6	Evidence of Bonding Capacity	Evidence that bonding capacity for a single project is equal to or exceeds the highest dollar amount in the category for which the responder seeks pre-qualification. Verification must be submitted by a licensed surety company rated A- or better in the current A.M. Best Guide.

		Must list single and aggregate bonding thresholds.
7	Evidence of Insurability	Submit Certificate of Insurance at required levels. Submit Insurance certificates meeting requirements and thresholds of the Insurance Schedule in Section 4.0 of this Specifications Document. Successful contractors must comply with required insurance requirements specific to the work to be performed as listed in the project manual or purchase order prior to entering into any contract with the College, and the College must be named as additionally insured at that time.
8	Evidence of Drug Free Workplace	Submit Appendix D Must be Drug Free Workplace
9	Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form	Submit Appendix E Completed and Signed Conflict of Interest Disclosure From
10	Evidence of Claim Resolution	 Provide a page titled at the top of the page "Evidence of Claim Resolution" listing all pending litigation and all resolved litigation for the past five years which includes an explanation of each and the current status. If there is nothing to report, state "none" on the page. Must have satisfactory claim resolution to qualify.
11	Acknowledgement of Addenda	Submit Appendix F Acknowledge all addenda issued by listing the Addendum No. and Date Issued on the form. If none has been issued, state 'none' on the first line. The form must be signed, dated, and submitted with your submission, even if no addenda have been issued by the College by the due date for submission.
12	Vendor Profile Form W9 Form Certified Minority Vendor (if applies)	Submit Appendix G Submit W9 If applicable, submit Certified Minority Vendor with State of Florida documentation

13	Evidence of Experience	Evidence of successful experience with construction projects similar in nature and scope to anticipated SJR State projects and provide written narrative as indicated below. Submit a list of projects planned, currently in progress, and those completed in the last five years. Each project listed must include: Project name and brief description of scope of work Project dates. List beginning and ending dates. If in-progress, provide anticipated completion date Indicate if project was or will be completed on schedule Owner's name and address Main phone number of Owner Web address or e-mail of Owner Name, title and phone number and/or e-mail of contact person familiar with the project Construction method used Number and reason for change orders. If none, so indicate. Projects listed should include experience with SREF, public entities, and the hard-bid construction technique. Submit a written narrative detailing how your firm ensures quality workmanship and project scheduling for on-time completion of projects. Explain how project management is handled. Detail safety measures used. Projects contracted with the College must have been performed by the
14	References & Reference Letters	Submit one Appendix H Prepared by the Contractor's current or past customers or clients. Contractors should include at least 5 references for the years starting 2013 through 2023.

15	Compliance with F.S. 448.095 (E-	Provide a list of references for the years from 2013 through 2023 for your Contractor. Include one or more reference letters (not including Appendix H) confirming quality performance and on-schedule project completion. Submit Appendix J
	Verify System)	Must agree to comply.
16	Evidence of Financial Resources	Submit the most recent <u>annual</u> (12 months) audited or unaudited financial information, including a Classified Balance Sheet, a Statement of Cash Flows (Accrual Basis method) or a Profit and Loss Statement (Cash Basis method) and a Statement of Operations or Income Statement, that demonstrates that the applicant has the financial resources to start-up and follow through on projects and to respond to damages at the top dollar threshold of the Category requested. Submit one original copy of the financial documents in a sealed envelope marked on the outside with the Contractor's name, RFQ-SJR-05-2023, and Confidential Financial Records. This sealed envelope must be included inside the submission package that includes the printed and digital copy of the submission. Do not include the financial documents on the USB Flash Drive. The Financial Documents submitted for this section are excluded from public records requests.

Selection Process:

Contractors will be selected for pre-qualified contractor status, based on meeting Pre-Qualification Evaluation Criteria, and the Specifications in this Request for Qualifications Document, including Addenda, if any.

Members of the Selection Committee will evaluate submissions received by the RFQ submission deadline for compliance with RFQ Specifications and Pre-Qualification Criteria. The College reserves the right to request additional information and to request clarifications of any materials submitted in response to this RFQ. The College reserves the right to verify any information submitted and to contact references.

A public meeting will be held on November 27, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. EST in Room A-152 in the Administration Building on the Palatka Campus for the purpose of evaluating submission responses and preparing a list of contractors in pre-qualification categories recommended for new certificates.

The notice of intent to award the RFQ is expected to be posted on the College's web page at https://www.sjrstate.edu/052023 on November 28, 2023.

SJR State reserves the right to reject any or all submissions which do not meet specification requirements, to waive any or all informalities in regard to, and to award certificates which are in the best interest of the College. Further, SJR State reserves the right to recommend a different type and/or category for any applicant for which it determines the criteria requirements have been satisfied.

RFQ award of pre-qualified contractor status is anticipated at the DBOT meeting on December 6, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. EST. Notice of successful contractor certificate renewal is expected to be posted on the College's web page at https://www.sjrstate.edu/052023 on December 7, 2023.

Successful contractors will receive a certificate confirming pre-qualification status approximately 30 business days after award via U.S. mail.

6.0 INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION

RFQ submissions must be prepared according to the prescribed format listed below. Failure to follow this requirement are grounds for disqualification.

Responses must be submitted in a <u>sturdy sealed envelope or transmittal package</u> clearly marked on the outside with RFQ-SJR-05-2023 and the submitting Contractor's name.

Each numbered criteria section response must include the name of the Contractor on at minimum the first page. The last page of the submission should be a page with only the Contractor name and "End of RFQ Submission."

Submit one printed original (exclude Evaluation Criteria Section 16 Financial Documents) and one exact copy of the printed original (exclude Evaluation Criteria Section 16 Financial Documents) on a USB Flash Drive in .pdf format.

DO NOT SUBMIT A CD INSTEAD OF THE USB FLASH DRIVE. Failure to submit the USB Flash Drive is considered grounds for disqualification.

Submit one printed original copy of the Evaluation Criteria Section 16 Financial Documents inside a sealed envelope marked RFQ-SJR-05-2023 CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL RECORDS and the Contractor name on the outside of the envelope; this sealed envelope must be placed INSIDE the sealed envelope or transmission package of the other materials. Do not send the financial records in a separate delivery.

The documents submitted on the USB drive must be in .pdf format and in the order listed in the Evaluation Criteria Order for Submission, excluding Financial Documents. Do not submit items out of order. The USB Flash Drive should be a copy of the original documents, therefore, documents requiring signatures and notarization must have those on the documents in the flash drive.

Questions regarding response format may be submitted to Mrs. Terry Thomas via email at <u>terrythomas@sjrstate.edu</u> no later than 72 hours prior to deadline for submission.

The sealed response shall be addressed and delivered to:

St. Johns River State College
Business Office, Attn: Terry Thomas
5001 St. Johns Avenue
Palatka, Florida 32177

To be considered, the response must be received in the SJR State Business Office, Attention: Mrs. Terry Thomas, Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management, by 3:00 p.m. November 13, 2023. RFQ responses that arrive after the deadline time and date will be marked late and will not be considered. Faxed, e-mailed, and responses delivered to the wrong location, and conditional RFQ responses will not be considered. Failure of the US mail, a delivery service, or a hand deliverer to deliver the response to the <u>correct location</u> by the deadline for submission <u>shall not</u> constitute an extension to the deadline.

It is the responsibility of the Contractor (Applicant) to ensure that delivery is received at the correct location at the College by the deadline for submission and to ensure that the USB Drive is sufficiently packaged in a secure transmittal package to ensure delivery intact and unopened. SJR State is not responsible for damaged or missing USB Flash Drives.

7.0 APPENDICES

Appendices begin on the next page.

RFQ-SJR-05-2023 APPENDIX A

APPLICATION FOR NEW PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATE

CONTRACTOR NAME:
Indicate the type of pre-qualification requested:
General Contractor (must have appropriate licensure)
Building Contractor (must have appropriate licensure)
Civil Contractor (must have appropriate licensure)
Roofing Contractor (must have appropriate licensure)
Mechanical Contractor (must have appropriate licensure)

Place an X in Column A beside the Category Level requested:

Column A	Category No.	Category Threshold
		\$0 - \$200,000
	Category 1	Zero dollars to two-hundred thousand dollars
		\$0 - \$1,000,000
	Category 1A	Zero dollars to one million dollars
		\$0 - \$2,000,000
	Category 2	Zero to two million dollars
		\$0 - \$4,000,000
	Category 3A	Zero to four million dollars
		\$0 - \$6,000,000
	Category 3B	Zero to six million dollars
		\$0 - \$10,000,000
	Category 4	Zero to ten million dollars
		\$0 - \$12,000,000
	Category 5	Zero to twelve million dollars
		\$0 - \$16,000,000
	Category 6	Zero to sixteen million dollars
		\$0 to \$20,000,000
	Category 7	Zero to twenty million dollars
		\$0 to \$30,000,000
	Category 8	Zero to thirty million dollars

RFQ-SJR-05-2023 APPENDIX B: GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CONTRACTOR MUST BE NOTARIZED

This section must be presented in the following format. Joint ventures must provide all information on each partner. Amplifying information may be included in additional pages.

Company Background Company or Joint Venture (C/JV) Name: _____ Street Address: City, State, ZIP Code: _____ Two Points of Contact within the Company/Joint Venture: Title Phone/Fax_____ Name: Title: Phone/Fax: E-Mail ___ **Entity Making Submittal:** Parent Company___ Subsidiary___ Division ___ Branch Office___ Other ___ (Joint Venture) If Other, Explain Type of Company as listed on the W-9: If Other, Explain: Year Company Established: _____ Experience in Years: _____ Parent Company (Indicate N/A if not applicable): Name Street Address City, State, ZIP Code ______ Phone/Fax: Former Names. Listed below are all the names under which the company has done business. (Indicate N/A if not applicable.) Suspensions or Debarments: Has any principal of the company ever been debarred or suspended by any federal, state, or local agency? Yes No If yes, provide an explanation below. List any major changes in ownership, principals, or officers of the Contractor in the last five years:

Acknowledgment:

The undersigned acknowledges that:

My commission expires _____

If any information provided by the applicant(s) is found to be, in the opinion of the Selection Committee, substantially unreliable, this application may be considered non-responsive. The Selection Committee reserves the right to reject any or all applicants and may stop the selection process at any time. It is understood that this document must be delivered to the Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management, St. Johns River State College, Business Office, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Florida 32177 no later than 3:00 p.m. EST on November 13, 2023.

Signature and Certification

Under the penalty of perjury, the undersigned debelief, that the above attached information is true	clares, certifies, verifies, and states to the best of his or her knowledge and e, correct, and complete.
Signature of Authorized Officer, Date	Name of Company Submitting
Typed Name of Authorized Officer	Federal ID Number of Company
Typed Title of Authorized Officer	
STATE OF COUNTY	(CITY) OF
On this day of, 20,	before me, in the foregoing affidavit and acknowledged that he (she) and for the purpose therein contained. In witness thereof, I hereunto set my
Notary Public	_

RFQ-SJR-05-2023 APPENDIX C: PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME FORM

MUST BE NOTARIZED

SWORN STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 287.133(3)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES ON PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES.
THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY PUBLIC OR OTHER OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

This sworn statement is submitted with RFC This sworn statement is submitted by	Q-SJR-05-2023. This sworn statement is submitted to SJR STATE College. whose business address is
	and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is
My name is	and my relationship to the entity named above is
or federal law by a person with respect to agency or political subdivision of any other goods or services to be provided to any p	s defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), Florida Statutes, means a violation of any state and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with ar state or with the United States, including, but not limited to, any bid or contract for bublic entity or an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentations.
a conviction of a public entity crime, with o	on" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(b), Florida Statutes, means a finding of guilt or or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating nation after July 1, 1989, as a result of a jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea o
I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in	n Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), Florida Statutes, means:
a.) A predecessor or successor of a person of	convicted of a public entity crime; or
of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate members and agents who are active in the controlling interest in another person, or a an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima	ral person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted e" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees e management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under a facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding thirty-six (36)
organized under the laws of any state or of or applies to bid on contracts for the provis	in Paragraph 287.133(1)(e), Florida Statutes, means any natural person or entity the United States with the legal power to enter into a binding contract and which bids sion of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders active in management of an entity.
Based on information and belief, the states statement. (Place an X on A. or B, whichev	ment that I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworr ver statement applies.)
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	is sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with equent to July 1, 1989.
employees, members, or agents who are a	is sworn statement, nor any officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders active in management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with equent to July 1, 1989, AND (If Selected, please indicate which additional statement)

Florida, Division of Administrative Hea	<u>C.</u> There has been a proceeding concerning the conviction before a hearing officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings. The final order entered by the hearing officer did not place the person or affiliate on the convicted vendor list. (Please attach a copy of the final order.)		
a hearing officer of the State of Florida	, Division of Administrative Hearing. The	has been a subsequent proceeding before final order entered by the hearing officer e from the convicted vendor list. (Please	
EThe person or affiliate has not be with the Department of General Services		Please describe any action taken by or pending	
Signature:	Date:		
State ofCounty of			
Personally Appeared before Me, the undersigned first duly sworn by me affixed his/her signature in	authority,the space provided above on this	who, after beingday of20	
Notary Public Signature	Nota	ry Seal	

RFQ-SJR-05-2023 APPENDIX D

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE FORM

lame of Contractor		
In order to have a Drug-Free Workplace Program, a business	shall:	
	unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees	
2.) Inform employees about the dangers of drug abus Drug-Free Work Place, any available drug counseling, rehabil penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abu		
 Give each employee engaged in providing the com the statement specified in subsection (1). 	nmodities or contractual services that are under bid a copy of	
commodities or contractual services that are under bid, the ϵ the employer of any conviction of, or plea of guilty or nolo co	with the employees that, as a condition of working on the employee will abide by the terms of the statement and will notify ontendere to, any violation of Chapter 893 or of any controlled on occurring in the work place no later than five (5) days after	
5.) Impose a sanction on or require the satisfactory papers program if such is available in the employee's community, by	articipation in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation y any employee who is so convicted.	
6.) Make a good faith effort to continue to maintain a section.	a drug-free workplace through implementation of this	
AS THE PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE STATEMENT, I CE REQUIREMENTS.	RTIFY THAT THIS CONTRACTOR COMPLIES FULLY WITH THE ABOVE	
Signature	Title	
Printed Name	Date	

RFQ-SJR-05-2023 APPENDIX E

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM

Name of Contractor/Company	
CONFLIC	CT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
Instructions to responders:	
	is to give the College the information needed to identify potential conflicts of and other key personnel involved in the award of the pre-qualification certificates.
	within their response the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also ege or member of the District Board of Trustees. Complete Item 1 with the first line.
Board of Trustees of St. Johns River State C	must disclose the name of any SJR State employee or member of the District College who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of more than five percent of its branches. Complete Item 2 with requested information or enter 'none' on
To be completed by responder:	
 List below the respondent's office Board of Trustees of St. Johns River 	ers, directors, employees or agents who are also employees or members of the Distric r State College?
Name	Position Held at SJR State
of more than five percent (5%) i	officers, directors, employees or agents who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest in the responder's Contractor or any of its branches, who are also employees of ustees of St. Johns River State College?
Name	Position Held at SJR State
Signature:	Date:
Printed Name:	

RFQ-SJR-05-2023 APPENDIX F

Acknowledgement of Addenda

Name of Respondent:	
The undersigned, hereby acknowledges the re	eceipt of the following addenda, if any:
Addendum No	Dated:
Addendum No	Dated:
Addendum No	Dated:
Addendum No	Dated:
Addendum No	Dated:
Addendum No	Dated:
, laderida in ritor	
Addendum No	Dated:
This acknowledgement of Addenda form	is to be returned with your RFQ submission. If no addenda were
_	, date, and return form with submission.
6:	
Signature	Title/Date

RFQ-SJR-05-2023 APPENDIX J

Name of Respondent:
E-VERIFY FORM
Respondent acknowledges and agrees to the following:
Verification of Employment Eligibility, E-Verify System: Effective January 1, 2021, all pre-qualified contractors must comply with Florida Statute 448.095, Verification of Employment Eligibility, requiring the use of the federal E-Verify system. For purposes of applying for a new certificate of pre-qualification, respondents will be required to acknowledge that they will comply with Florida Statute 448.095 when it becomes effective. Further, after the law becomes effective, additional proof of compliance may be required by the College prior to entry into contract with the College.
Company/Contractor:
Authorized Signature:
Title:

Date: _____

RFQ-SJR-05-2023 APPENDIX G: Vendor Business Profile

Vendor should complete all requested information as indicated by the 'grey' boxes

		lo	dentification	Informatio	n:		
Vendor Name (Legal Nam	e & d/b/a):						
Corporate Address:				Phone Num	nber:		
City, State & Zip Code:	tate & Zip Code:				r:		
Remit to Address:	Address:				ess:		
City, State & Zip Code:				Web Addre	ss:		
			Contact Info	ormation:		.	
Name: Title:				Phone Num	nber:		
			Email Addre	ess:			
			Vendor Info	ormation:			
1. Describe the type of busin	Describe the type of business or service provided:						
2. Is the vendor a 1099 recipient?							
3. List the Appropriate Feder Proprietor, C-Corp, S-Corp, Partners		on (Sole					
4. Is the vendor at least 51% owned, controlled and actively managed by a minority person?							
If yes to #4, submit the State of Florida MBE/WBE Certification Number							
If yes to #4, list the appropriate minority classification: (African American, Hispanic, Asian American, Native American, American Woman, Service Disabled Veteran)							
5. Conflicts of Interest: List any state employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent or greater in the Contractor or any of its branches							
					Name/Title		
6. List the officers of the corporation, partners or principal members of the Contractor and their titles			Name/Title				
				Name/Title	_		
					Name/Title]	
It is the sole responsibility of th						o I further comit	iv that in daing hasinges with
Certification: I certify that the information supplied herein (including all attachments) is correct to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that in doing business with the State of Florida, my Contractor is in compliance with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, conflicts of interest and that I have disclosed the name of any state employee							
who owns, directly or indirectly All vendors are required to com Profile Form to the purchasing	y, an interest of five property of the propert	ercent or greater in	the above Cont	ractor or any o	of its branches.		
Name of Person Completing	•					Date:	
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RFQ-SJR-05-2023 APPENDIX H PERFORMANCE EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE (Reference)

Contractor/Company Requesting Reference:
Company (Owner) Preparing Reference:
Name of Company:
Address:
Contact Name, Title and Phone #:
Project Name & Description:
Construction Method Used: Dollar Value of Project: Project Dates:
1) On a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest, how would you rate the <u>performance and quality</u> of the work provided by this contractor?
Rating: Comments?
2) Was the project completed on time? Yes/ No; If No, why?
3) Was the project completed within budget? Yes/No; If No, why?
4) Any billing problems with the contractor or subs? No/Yes; If Yes, please explain:
5) Were there change orders on the project? Yes/No; If Yes, were the change orders at the direction of the owner or contractor?
6) Would you use this contractor again? Yes/No; If No, why?
Name, Title & Phone Number of Person Completing the Questionnaire:

END OF RFQ-SJR-05-2023 SPECIFICATIONS DOCUMENT