

RFQ No.: 2021020

Witness: Diane Lystlund

RFP Name: Sandridge Clubhouse Architectual Design

Witness: Jennifer Hyde

RFP Opening Date: March 31, 2021

Time: 2:00 pm

<b>Company</b>	<b>Electronic</b>	<b>Original Submittal</b>	<b>5 Copies</b>	<b>Disclosure</b>	<b>Scrutinized</b>	<b>Lobbying</b>	<b>Debarment</b>
REG Architects, Inc.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
West Architecture + Deisgn, LLC	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sun Patrick Architecture, Inc., (dba) sparcdesign	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Slattery & Associates	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Edlund, Dritenbas and Binkley Associates, P.A.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Slattery & Associates - Disqualified- didn't provide required debarment							
Disqualification of Slattery overturned 4/7-form determined unnecessary for this project							

**From:** [Jennifer Hyde](#)  
**To:** "Bob Halula"  
**Cc:** [Norberto Loiano](#); [Jose Fernandez](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Sandridge Clubhouse Architectural Design project  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:38:55 PM

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Mr. Halula,

Thank you for your patience while I reviewed the disqualification of your firm for failure to provide the statement regarding debarment at the time of submittal. The RFQ did list the form as required (item k. under Submittal Instructions on page 4), and noted "receipt...must occur by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2021" (pages 1 and 2). Your submittal remains non-responsive to the requirement.

However, we also reviewed the necessity and intent of the form in relation to this specific project, and determined that a signed copy of the form is not necessary. No federal funding is planned for this project, and the General Instructions ("Suspension and Debarment" paragraph) indicate the County's intent to use the System for Award Management (SAM) database to confirm any candidate for award is not suspended or debarred.

Therefore, we have distributed your SOQ to the committee for review and scoring. Should your firm ultimately be the top ranked firm, we will ask the Board of County Commissioners at that time to waive the technicality of the missing form.

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**From:** Bob Halula <bobh@slatteryarchitects.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 5, 2021 10:32 AM  
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Good Morning Jennifer,

We have tried to figure out how the form was not included in the final set, but we just don't know who dropped it or when. It is included in our work set of the proposal, so somewhere along the way, someone either left it on the copier or on the table. Since it is the last sheet in the submittal before the back cover, which was added at the very end, I'm thinking someone picked up the set and didn't notice that it was missing.

Neither myself or my partners, and principals have ever been debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation by any Federal Department, or agency, or anyone. So, my answer was the same when I signed the form on 3/29/2021 as it was on 4/1/2021 when we sent a copy of that signed form.

We put so much effort into that submittal because we really wanted to do that project. We had one of our teams

work on it for weeks designing the clubhouse expansion and constructing a 3-D model of it so that we could create the renderings that we presented. I don't think anyone on that team dropped the ball, I really think the printer did, but I have no proof.

Again, we would really appreciate it if you would exercise the County's right to waive this technicality and accept our submittal.

Thank you,

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Good morning, Mr. Halula,  
Mr. Brown has asked me to reach out to you, as communication with him (or any other County staff member or official) is prohibited by the Cone of Silence, which is detailed in the RFP.

I will review your email below and do my best to provide a response today. Please let me know if you have any other details regarding the missing form you would like me to consider.

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**From:** Bob Halula <[bobh@slatteryarchitects.com](mailto:bobh@slatteryarchitects.com)>  
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Dear Mr. Brown,

Slattery and Associates submitted our qualifications for the Sandridge Clubhouse Architectural Design, RFQ 2021020. We were shocked to learn that we have been disqualified due to a missing signed form. I looked in our work set and the form is included. Somehow it was misplaced during the time it was sent to the printer.

I spoke with Jennifer Hyde earlier this afternoon regarding our submission. Slattery and Associates really wanted that project and we spent an enormous amount of time preparing that submittal and designing an appropriate building expansion. We prepared a 3-D computer model and provided many 3-D renderings of our design. We are extremely disappointed to learn that we were disqualified due to a clerical mishandling. The sheet that was mistakenly dropped out of the set is attached hereto. It is a standard form that required signature and confirms that we are not debarred or suspended. Nothing has changed since yesterday when we made the submittal. I can't explain how the sheet came up missing and neither can our printer.

According to page 10 of your RFQ, "**Indian River County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any and all technicalities or irregularities**". I think the missing standardized sheet could be considered a technicality and it wouldn't set a precedent for submitters in the future. I think this is exactly the kind of technicality that statement was included for.

We are extremely qualified to provide the architectural services for your clubhouse expansion as we have previously designed over 50 clubhouses throughout Florida. We would respectfully ask that you reconsider disqualifying us for this technicality and accept our submission.

Sincerely,  
Robert J. Halula, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP  
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