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**Questions and Answers for RFQ #E2016-MSC Professional Architectural Services for a Middle School Complex & RFQ #E2016-HSC Professional Architectural Services for a High School Complex**

**Question #1:**

Do you have any more information on site selection for either side?

**We do not have any further information on site selection other than we will be hiring an agent for the week of February 15<sup>th</sup> to begin isolating some plots of land for consideration.**

**Question #2:**

Do we include geotechnical services in our proposals?

**Yes, we do want geotechnical services included in the proposals.**

**Question #3:**

Do you have a construction budget for each project? In the May 2015 Facility Study recommendations the proposed 1700 student high school was budgeted at \$65 million with the middle school going into the former Central High school facility. Would this RFQ for a new middle school replace the idea of renovating Central High school into a middle school?

**This RFQ does not replace renovating Central High School into a middle school.**

**Question #4:**

Will these projects be awarded separately?

**These projects may be awarded separately or together.**

**Question #5:**

Do you have a list of firms expressing interest in the RFQ and will you email the addendum to those who have expressed interest?

**Proposals were mailed to vendors registered in the Purchasing Department, advertised in the Kingsport Times News, Knoxville News-Sentinel, local AGC Office and posted on [www.sullivancountytn.gov/node/73](http://www.sullivancountytn.gov/node/73) and [www.sullivank12.net/proposals](http://www.sullivank12.net/proposals). Any addendum that may be issued will be e-mailed to any firm that has expressed interest and will be posted on both websites as stated above.**

**Question #6:**

May we have access to the Sullivan County Schools Master Plan completed/accepted this past Spring 2015?

[www.sullivank12.net/tomorrow](http://www.sullivank12.net/tomorrow)

**Question #7:**

RFQ for middle and high schools are identical. May one submittal be made for both school?

**Identical submittals may be submitted but we do need two submittals.**

**Question #8:**

Has funding been appropriated for either or both schools?

**No, not at this time.**

**Question #9:**

Has budget and program been established for the high school and middle school?

**No, not at this time.**

**Question #10:**

Has a schedule been established for the high school, open August 2018?

No

**Question #11:**

Has a schedule been established for the middle school, open August 2018?

No

**Question #12:**

Does the owner have a written Educational Specification (program of spaces and spatial relationships) to give to the architect or will the architect assist in developing this document?

**Architect will assist in developing the document.**

**Question #13:**

What is the planned square footage and construction budget for the New Middle and High Schools?

**Budget is yet to be determined. Square footage will be comparable to the recommended square footage per student.**

**Question #14:**

Item #2: Clarify what is meant by “List of Categories” in which the firm is legally qualified. Is a copy of our business license to practice architecture in the State of TN required?

**A list of services/categories in which your firm is licensed or certificated to perform related to architectural services provided. A copy of your business license would be most appropriate to include as well.**

**Question #15:**

Item #4: Are we correct in assuming only the current names of officers/owners are required and not a history of owners.

Yes. Only current officers/owners are required.

**Question #16:**

What is the earliest possible date the Architect would receive the Notice to Proceed?

**April 18, 2016, the most immediate Commission Meeting following the architect proposals.**

**Question #17:**

Does the owner have the expectation of occupying the New Middle School in 2018 and the New High School in 2019 as noted in Master Planning recommendations?

**Expectation is to move as quickly as funding and approvals will allow. As stated, the master plan is to occupy in 2018 and 2019.**

**Question #18:**

Shall we locate the RFQ Submittal Statement at the end of our qualification document?

**Yes, please locate at the end of your qualification document.**