



**Solicitation Information
August 20, 2015**

RFP# 7549816

**TITLE: NBC Master Plan for Renewal + Horn Laboratory Feasibility Design Services
The University of Rhode Island, Narragansett Bay Campus**

Submission Deadline: Wednesday September 16, 2015 at 10:00 am (Local time)

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: YES DATE: Thursday August 27, 2015 TIME: 3:00 PM (LT)

MANDATORY: NO

LOCATION: URI, NARRAGANSETT BAY CAMPUS, 215 SOUTH FERRY ROAD, CORLESS AUDITORIUM, WATKINS BUILDING, NARRAGANSETT RI

Questions concerning this solicitation must be received by the Division of Purchases at thomas.bovis@purchasing.ri.gov no later than **9/2/2105 at 4:00 PM (LT)** Questions should be submitted in a Microsoft Word attachment. Please reference the RFP# on all correspondence. Questions received, if any, with responses will be posted on the Internet as an addendum to this solicitation. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to download this information.

SURETY REQUIRED: No

BOND REQUIRED: No

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Interdepartmental Project Manager**

Applicants must register on-line at the State Purchasing Website at www.purchasing.ri.gov.

Note to Applicants:

Offers received without the entire completed RIVIP Generated Bidder Certification Form attached may result in disqualification.

THIS PAGE IS NOT A BIDDER CERTIFICATION FORM

University of Rhode Island

Narragansett Bay Campus Master Plan

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SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

The Rhode Island Department of Administration/Division of Purchases, on behalf of the University of Rhode Island Department of Campus Planning & Design, is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to provide architectural, planning, landscape design, and engineering services for the "URI Narragansett Bay Campus Master Plan". This Request for Proposals and the State's General Conditions of Purchase may be obtained at the Rhode Island Division of Purchases internet home page at: www.purchasing.ri.gov.

This is a Request for Proposals, not an Invitation for Bid. Responses will be evaluated on the basis of the relative merits of the proposal, in addition to price; there will be no public opening and reading of responses received by the Division of Purchases pursuant to this Request, other than to name those vendors who have submitted proposals.

INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS TO OFFERORS:

1. Potential vendors are advised to review all sections of this RFP carefully and to follow instructions completely, as failure to make a complete submission as described elsewhere herein may result in rejection of the proposal.
2. Alternative approaches and/or methodologies to accomplish the desired or intended results of this procurement are solicited. However, proposals which depart from or materially alter the terms, requirements, or scope of work defined by this RFP will be rejected as being non-responsive.
3. Proposals are considered to be irrevocable for a period of not less than 120 days following the opening date, and may not be withdrawn, except with the express written permission of the State Purchasing Agent.
4. All costs associated with developing or submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, or to provide oral or written clarification of its content shall be borne by the vendor. The State assumes no responsibility for these costs.
5. All pricing submitted will be considered to be firm and fixed unless otherwise indicated herein.

6. It is intended that an award pursuant to this RFP will be made to a prime vendor, or prime vendors in the various categories, who will assume responsibility for all aspects of the work. Joint venture and cooperative proposals will not be considered. Subcontracts are permitted, provided that their use is clearly indicated in the vendor's proposal and the subcontractor(s) to be used is identified in the proposal.
7. All proposals should include the vendor's FEIN or Social Security number as evidenced by a W9, downloadable from the Division's website at www.purchasing.ri.gov.
8. The purchase of services under an award made pursuant to this RFP will be contingent on the availability of funds.
9. Vendors are advised that all materials submitted to the State for consideration in response to this RFP will be considered to be Public Records as defined in Title 38, Chapter 2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, without exception, and will be released for inspection immediately upon request once an award has been made.
10. Interested parties are instructed to peruse the Division of Purchases website on a regular basis, as additional information relating to this solicitation may be released in the form of an addendum to this RFP.
11. Equal Employment Opportunity (G.L. 1956 § 28-5.1-1, et seq.) – § 28-5.1-1 Declaration of policy – (a) Equal opportunity and affirmative action toward its achievement is the policy of all units of Rhode Island state government, including all public and quasi-public agencies, commissions, boards and authorities, and in the classified, unclassified, and non-classified services of state employment. This policy applies to all areas where State dollars are spent, in employment, public services, grants and financial assistance, and in state licensing and regulation. For further information, contact the Rhode Island Equal Opportunity Office at (401) 222-3090.
12. In accordance with Title 7, Chapter 1.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, no foreign corporation, a corporation without a Rhode Island business address, shall have the right to transact business in the State until it shall have procured a Certificate of Authority to do so from the Rhode Island Secretary of State (401-222-3040). This is a requirement only of the successful vendor(s).
13. The vendor should be aware of the State's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) requirements, which address the State's goal of ten percent (10%) participation by MBE's in all State procurements. For further information, contact the MBE Administrator at (401) 574-8253 or visit the website www.mbe.ri.gov.
14. The State reserves the right to award to one or more offerors. The State also reserves the right to award this project based on pricing alone.

SECTION 2 - MISSION & VISION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

The University of Rhode Island (URI) is the State's public learner-centered research university. We are a community joined in a common quest for knowledge. The University is committed to enriching the lives of its students through its land, sea, and urban grant traditions. URI is the only public institution in Rhode Island offering undergraduate, graduate, and professional students the distinctive educational opportunities of a major research university. Our undergraduate, graduate, and professional education, research, and outreach serve Rhode Island and beyond. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni are united in one common purpose: to learn and lead together.

Embracing Rhode Island's heritage of independent thought, we value:

- Creativity and Scholarship
- Diversity, Fairness, and Respect
- Engaged Learning and Civic Involvement
- Intellectual and Ethical Leadership

NARRAGANSETT BAY CAMPUS

URI's Narragansett Bay Campus (NBC) consists of approximately 20 URI buildings that contain a mix of offices, research labs, classrooms, and meeting spaces. There are roughly 300,000 total gross square feet of built space, about half of which are contained in six major buildings.

Located on the coast of Rhode Island, six miles east of the Kingston campus, the NBC is an ideal setting and natural laboratory for studying ecology and its response to natural and human impacts. The campus houses programs and departments related to ocean research, with the major tenant being the Graduate School of Oceanography. In addition, the College of Engineering's Department of Ocean Engineering is

located on the campus along with several federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) laboratories.

Other notable features of the Narragansett Bay Campus include a facility that provides continuous running seawater to the Ann Gall Durbin Marine Research Aquarium, Ark Annex to the Aquarium, and Luther Blount Aquaculture Laboratory; the Equipment Development Lab, which provides design, fabrication, and test capabilities for scientists; a large geological samples storage facility; GSO's telepresence hub, the Inner Space Center; and numerous specialized research facilities for physical and numerical modeling of large-scale ocean circulation or earth mantle behavior.

The Narragansett Bay Campus also serves as homeport for GSO's research vessel, R/V Endeavor, with a pier located along the campus waterfront. The R/V Endeavor pier allows for efficient staging of cruises and easy access to the open ocean, only a few miles south of the campus.

Although mainly focused on research, undergraduate teaching is also conducted in these facilities. Research focus areas include ocean robotics, underwater acoustics, tsunamis, coastal circulation, marine geo-mechanics, ocean structures, and offshore energy generation. The University's long-range plan is to continue to use the facilities at the NBC for ocean related research and teaching activities.

SECTION 3 - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The University of Rhode Island is soliciting proposals from qualified firms experienced in campus planning and design to create a new Narragansett Bay Campus Master Plan (NBC MP) for the Narragansett Bay Campus. Part One, NBC Master Plan for Renewal, is an overall Narragansett Bay Campus master plan analysis. Part Two, Horn Laboratory Feasibility Study, is a schematic design feasibility study for the potential renovation or replacement of the Horn Laboratory.

Goals for the NBC Master Plan Parts One and Two-

1. **Renewal:** Analyze improvements to the Narragansett Bay Campus for the next growth cycle.
2. **Effective and Accessible Learning Environments:** Part of URI's strategic planning is to leverage space, time and related initiatives to facilitate new learning pedagogies. New and renovated buildings will provide world-class facilities to support today's programs and be designed for a future of innovation and change. New and renewed environments shall be exceptional places for academic inquiry and collaboration.
3. **New Technologies:** URI is planning for campus physical technological change to create these new learning environments and leverage collaborative opportunities. The goal is to better connect URI's local and global communities of scholars. The plan is to create greater interconnectivity among URI campuses, remote field operations, students, faculty and partners worldwide.

4. **Site Circulation + Transportation:** Provide design alternatives to highlight and strengthen the NBC Campus, taking into account pedestrian and vehicular connections, circulation and services, and physical setting. Approach should be simple, durable, cost-effective, and timeless.
5. **Environmental Protection:** Each future project identified in the Master Plan shall mitigate past environmental degradation. Proposed future work shall meet and exceed regulatory requirements to promote clean water systems for surface and ground waters, reduce polluted runoff and damage from flooding and erosion. Propose recommendations and strategies to ameliorate past conditions, and benchmark future practices.
6. **Sustainability and Carbon Footprint:** An important part of this Master Plan is to chart the course for the development of a highly energy efficient and environmentally responsible design for the Narragansett Bay Campus. The Master Plan will elucidate an overall strategy to the project's "green" building vision and identify the design potential to integrate innovative engineering technology in the building and environmental systems.
7. **Critical Environmental Forces + Maintainability:** Propose strategies and standards for future building systems for optimal performance in an arduous marine and storm event environment. Recommend considerations, policies and best practice standards for maintaining plant and property.

SECTION 4 - SCOPE OF SERVICES: PART ONE + PART TWO

The scope of requested services is specific to a two part analysis. Part One is an overall Narragansett Bay Campus master plan analysis. Part Two is a schematic design feasibility study based on earlier planning recommendations for the potential renovation or replacement of the Horn Laboratory.

The following scope is general in nature. Keeping in mind that the project overview must be satisfied, services will include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Part One: NBC Master Plan for Renewal

Review of Campus Plans and Information + Survey of existing facilities: To include simple scale plans showing existing facilities and their current uses; facilities condition assessments for all NBC buildings; and a land and utilities survey of sufficient accuracy to conceptually design new facilities. Review existing and applicable University of Rhode Island planning documents, which include:

- Existing documentation of the NBC campus buildings and grounds provided by URI
- URI College of Engineering Master Plan, Part 3.0; and Appendix Part 5.2; 11/18/13

- Strategic Plan for Campus Sustainability 2010-2015.
- Other relevant campus plans for recent projects.

Facilities Program: Considering the existing and envisioned academic and research programs on campus, the NBC Master Plan will include a conceptual space program for academic and other programs as they develop over the next ten years. The program will assume growth in student enrolment and research activities as projected by URI.

Programming Space Use: Conduct interviews, survey questionnaires, constituent meetings, etc. to provide a spreadsheet matrix defining department program, space, occupancy, size, special considerations, adjacencies, FF+E, and other space use characteristics for existing and proposed facilities.

Research and Analysis

The selected consultant will walk the campus with key constituents prior to beginning site analysis. Become familiar with past planning and design documents. Examine site circulation and building adjacencies, connections and open spaces to create greater spatial unity and cohesion. Consider environmental exposures and orientations, infrastructure, parking, pedestrian and vehicular systems and propose campus plan solutions to ameliorate overall conditions.

MEPS Building System Analysis: Analyze the campus infrastructural capacities and building demands in terms of recommendations for proposed future upgrades, renovations, and new construction.

NBC Campus Tree and Plant Material Master Plan

Develop a tree and plant material master plan for the NBC campus with emphasis on new and existing material that will enhance the natural beauty of the landscape. Identify, create, protect and enhance special views and lines of sight. Recommend appropriate plant and tree species for campus use with respect to maintenance, irrigation and environmental hardiness. Review the list of recommended planting materials (trees, shrubs, turf) developed by the URI Natural Resources Science department.

B. Part Two: Horn Laboratory Feasibility Study

Program space use development: Based on the Facilities Program developed in Part One, define specific critical requirements for rooms, core, and common areas, interior and exterior. Create diagrams of scaled proportional areas. Define other programmatic issues related to building design, such as appropriate sustainable design components related to the occupancy, site and environmental programmatic features, etc. Provide a swing space analysis for the duration of construction.

Determine the feasibility to renovate or build new: Conduct a comparative analysis of the cost, efficiencies, and desirability to either renovate the existing Horn Laboratory building (1968) or demolish it and replace with a new facility. Provide critical analysis of all existing and proposed building systems.

Design schemes and development of proposed alternate: As noted in AIA Document B101, “Consider environmentally responsible design alternatives, such as material choices and building orientation, together with other considerations based on program and aesthetics, in developing a design that is consistent with the Owner’s program, schedule and budget...”. Upon consensus and approval to proceed, develop the selected scheme to a level suitable for community presentation, funding development and public relations. Develop in accordance with the USGBC system with the goal to achieve a “Silver” rating.

C. Final Planning Package

The final report shall include a synthesis of the above information and be in the form of a bound volume, including an executive summary and appendices. The Final Planning Package shall include a single colored campus landscape plan, a written and illustrated report; and a MS PowerPoint presentation summarizing the URI NBC Master Plan. Part One and Part Two shall be bound in separate editions in similar formats.

The final report shall include an accessible manual of planning guidelines and policies for the campus containing recommendations and best practice standards regarding:

- Specific design project concepts
- Program summary of existing and proposed spaces
- Strategies for integrating existing and new technologies
- Sustainable design for building, land, energy and infrastructure renewal
- Vehicle and pedestrian site circulation
- Strategies for sustainable stormwater management
- Landscape design concepts, with standards for plant material, furniture and maintenance
- Preferred building system best practices relative to the local environment
- Buildings and grounds maintenance recommendations

The Final Planning Package shall also include:

Project Schedule and Phasing Plan: In consultation with the university, the consultant shall prepare and include in the report a project schedule phasing plan, including identifying the needs and duration of temporary facilities during construction.

Project Budget: Using the MS Excel format provided by URI, the consultant shall provide realistic project budget showing current construction costs and project soft costs. The selected consultant will develop project budgets in the Master Plan for capital improvement scenarios guided by URI objectives.

Public Relations Materials: URI intends to seek public and private support for the construction projects recommended in the NBC Master Plan. In order to assist with this effort, the consultant will provide a written narrative describing the master plan and high quality rendered plans, at least three exterior rendered perspectives and other materials suitable for public relations.

Required: Ten printed copies are required and digital file in .pdf format, plus one operable/editable MS PowerPoint slide show summarizing the report for presentation. Provide all digital files used to create reports.

SECTION 5 - A/E TEAM COMPOSITION

The selected A/E team is required to include firms and staff with the following credentials, capabilities, and experience:

- Design firm(s) with previous experience in programming, designing, and constructing *oceanographic and engineering facilities* for university academic and research programs.
- University master planning experience for academic infill facilities that respect and enhance the existing character, campus patterns, land forms and environment.
- LEED accredited planners experienced with developing sustainable environment strategies for multi-building campus environments.
- Technical staff capabilities to collect information on building precedents of similar projects and to assimilate the space planning and costs data for use in this master plan.
- Technical staff capabilities for surveying and assessing existing URI buildings.
- Highly talented architectural, landscape and engineering design staff to develop a conceptual plan for new facilities that envision and express URI's mission and programs.
- Demonstrated planning process management and problem-solving skills to work with a diverse client and multi-faceted program, to be able to synthesize large amounts of information, facilitate team decisions, and develop creative and logical results.
- An independent cost consultant experienced with university buildings and the Rhode Island construction market.
- Excellent writers and renderers of images for a broad-based public relations initiative to advance the approved project proposals.

SECTION 6 - SCHEDULE

The University envisions the following schedule to produce the NBC Master Plan by April 17, 2016:

- A/E selection and award by October, 2015
- General data gathering November, 2015

- Meetings and planning “workshops”: December – January, 2016.
- Presentation of master planning options: February 2016.
- URI approval of Master Plan by early March, 2016
- Final draft report by late March, 2016.
- Final Report and public relations materials by April 15, 2016.

SECTION 7 - TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Narrative and format: the separate technical proposal should address specifically each of the required elements:

A. letter of transmittal signed by an owner, officer or authorized agent of the firm or organization, acknowledging and accepting the terms and conditions of the Request, and tendering an offer to the RIBGHE/URI. The letter must contain a commitment to provide both the services described herein and the personnel proposed for the assignment.

B. Technical Proposal describing the firm’s background, qualification, and experience related to the project, as well as its proposed work plan and approach. The Technical Proposal must contain the following sections:

Tab 1: Executive Summary: This summary is intended to highlight the contents of the Technical Proposal and to provide URI evaluators with a broad understanding of the respondent’s suitability for the project.

Tab 2: Management and Design Approach for Part One: Provide a short narrative outlining the process your firm will offer to understand URI’s needs and prepare the foundations for the Master Plan. Discuss the opportunities and challenges of the project and how your design team might approach solutions. Outline the steps the team will follow during the master planning and concept design process to ensure a high quality, on schedule, and within budget project. The proposal must include a draft schedule of planning meetings with a proposed list of attending team members.

Tab 3: Management and Design Approach for Part Two: Similar to Tab 2, focused on facility assessment feasibility to renovate or replace existing Horn Laboratory based on contemporary programmatic best practice and building performance standards.

Tab 4: Respondent’s Qualifications and Staffing: The design team prime consultant shall submit a completed federal SF330 Parts 1 A-D. At the option of the respondent, firms may submit individual resumes for team members in lieu of completing Part 1.E. Also include SF330 Part 2 for each firm associated with the design team.

Tab 5: Previous Project Experience and Design Talent: Using SF330 Part 1 F, illustrate and describe recent design experience for at least five, but no more than ten projects that demonstrate the team members' experience and design talent on similar projects. Include SF330 G and indicate the participation of the proposed team members on these projects. *Note: If the project reflects work by an individual on the design team while employed by another firm, list the name of the previous firm and Principal-in-Charge of the project.* Professional Recommendations: Provide the name, title and institution of the principal contact for each project with email address and telephone number.

In addition to the above, you may include a Tab 6 for other materials to document your team's qualifications for this project. Please keep your RFP succinct and focused on describing your design team's unique qualifications to meet the project needs at the URI Narragansett Bay Campus.

Architectural / Engineering Services

Persons or firms practicing or submitting proposals for Architectural and/or Engineering Services in the State of Rhode Island must possess proper registrations and Certificate of Authorization from the Board of Design Professionals in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws.

A copy of the current Rhode Island Certificate of Authorization for the firm and current Rhode Island registration(s) for the individual(s) who would perform the work must be included in each copy of the Technical Proposal response to this solicitation.

The Board of Design Professionals can be contacted as follows:

Division of Design Professionals
1511 Pontiac Avenue
Cranston RI 02857
Phone: (401) 462-9530
Fax: (401) 462-9532
www.bdp.state.ri.us

The respondent's proposal may be disqualified and removed from consideration if the Proposal fails to include the required current Rhode Island Certificate of Authorization for the firm and current Rhode Island registration(s).

SECTION 8 - COST PROPOSALS: PART ONE + PART TWO

Provide a lump-sum Cost Proposal reflecting the fee proposed for this scope of services. Firms are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible to explain their proposed fee. Please include hourly billing rates for all members of the A/E team to be used when invoicing optional additional services. Also include in the proposed fee the time required for key design team members to travel with the building

committee to visit one facility comparable to Horn Laboratory at another university campus. ***The Cost Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope separate from the Technical Proposal.*** The lump-sum Cost Proposal must include the following allowances. Please itemize these allowances with your fee:

A. <u>PART ONE COST PROPOSAL</u>	
i. Additional Services Allowance	\$25,000
Services to include: Land Surveys, Additional Renderings, additional survey and planning work to redistribute core infrastructure (electrical service, water service & steam distribution). (subject to URI approval per article 4.2 & 4.3 of B101 AIA contract)	
iii. Additional Services:	20,000
ii. Reimbursable expenses	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$50,000

B. <u>PART TWO COST PROPOSAL</u>	
i. Additional Services Allowance	\$15,000
Services to include: Land Surveys, Additional Renderings, additional survey and planning work to redistribute core infrastructure (electrical service, water service & steam distribution). (subject to URI approval per article 4.2 & 4.3 of B101 AIA contract)	
iii. Additional Services:	10,000
ii. Reimbursable expenses	<u>5,000</u>
Total	\$30,000

SEE EXHIBIT C

SECTION 9 - PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Offerors are encouraged to submit written questions to the Division of Purchases. **No other contact with State parties will be permitted.** Interested offerors may submit proposals to provide the services covered by this Request on or before the date and time listed on the cover page of this solicitation. Responses received after this date and time, as registered by the official time clock in the reception area of the Division of Purchases will not be considered.

Responses (**an original plus five copies**) should be mailed or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope marked “**RFP# 7549816**” to:

RI Department of Administration

**Division of Purchases, 2nd floor
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5855**

NOTE: Proposals received after the above-referenced due date and time will not be considered. Proposals misdirected to other State locations or those not presented to the Division of Purchases by the scheduled due date and time will be determined to be late and will not be considered. Proposals faxed, or emailed, to the Division of Purchases will not be considered. The official time clock is in the reception area of the Division of Purchases.

RESPONSE CONTENTS:

Responses shall include the following:

1. A completed and signed R.I.V.I.P generated bidder certification cover sheet downloaded from the RI Division of Purchases Internet home page at www.purchasing.ri.gov.
2. A completed and signed W-9 downloaded from the RI Division of Purchases Internet home page at www.purchasing.ri.gov in proposal marked “**Original**” only
3. A separate Technical Proposal as described above.
4. A **separate, signed and sealed Cost Proposal** reflecting the hourly rates for all proposed team members, and lump sum fee, broken down into the fee structure as described above, proposed to complete all of the requirements of this project. Remember to include all contract allowances as outlined above.

In addition to the multiple hard copies of proposals required, Respondents are requested to provide their proposal in electronic format (CD-Rom, disc, or flash drive). Microsoft Word / Excel OR PDF format is preferable. Two electronic copies are requested (One for the State and one for the University) and it should be placed in the proposal marked “original”.

All costs associated with developing or submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, or to provide oral or written clarification of its content shall be borne by the vendor. The State assumes no responsibility for these costs.

SECTION 10 - EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Proposals will be reviewed by a University of Rhode Island appointed Technical Review Committee comprised of staff from state agencies. To advance to the Cost Evaluation phase, the Technical Proposal must receive a minimum of 60 (85.7%) out of a maximum of 70 technical points. Any technical proposals

scoring less than 60 points will not have the cost component opened and evaluated. Such proposals will be dropped from further consideration.

Of the firms scoring 60 points or higher, the Technical Review Committee may select any or all firms to participate in on-campus interviews.

The University of Rhode Island reserves the exclusive right to select the individual(s) or firm (vendor) that it deems to be in its best interest to accomplish the project as specified herein; and conversely, reserves the right not to fund any proposal(s).

Proposals will be reviewed and scored based upon the following criteria:

Criteria	Possible Points
Management & design approach	10 Points
Respondent’s qualifications and staffing	20 Points
Previous project experience and design talent	35 Points
References	5 Points
Total Possible Technical Points	70 Points
Cost calculated as lowest responsive cost proposal divided by (this cost proposal) times 30 points *	30 Points
Total Possible Points	100 Points

*The low bidder will receive one hundred percent (100%) of the available points for cost. All other bidders will be awarded cost points based upon the following formula:

$$(\text{low bid} / \text{vendors bid}) * \text{available points}$$

For example: If the low bidder (Vendor A) bids \$65,000 and Vendor B bids \$100,000 for cost and service fee and the total points available are Thirty (30), vendor B’s cost points are calculated as follows:

$$\$65,000 / \$100,000 * 30 = 19.5$$

Points will be assigned based on the offeror's clear demonstration of his/her abilities to complete the work, apply appropriate methods to complete the work, create innovative solutions and quality of past performance in similar projects.

Applicants may be required to submit additional written information or be asked to make an oral presentation before the technical review committee to clarify statements made in their proposal.

CONCLUDING STATEMENTS

Notwithstanding the above, the State reserves the right to request clarification of any aspect of the materials received, request further information as might be required to adequately evaluate credentials and qualifications, not to award this contract or to award on the basis of cost alone, to accept or reject any or all proposals, to waive minor irregularities, to negotiate with any respondent and to award in its best interest.

Proposals found to be technically or substantially non-responsive at any point in the evaluation process will be rejected and not considered further.

The State may, at its sole option, elect to require presentation(s) by offerors clearly in consideration for award.

The State's General Conditions of Purchase contain the specific contract terms, stipulations and affirmations to be utilized for the contract awarded to the RFP. The State's General Conditions of Purchases/General Terms and Conditions can be found at the following URL:
<https://www.purchasing.ri.gov/RIVIP/publicdocuments/ATTA.pdf>

Firms not selected for the project will be informed upon issuance of award to the successful bidder.

- End -