



**Solicitation Information
November 9, 2015**

RFP#7550004

TITLE: URI Kingston Campus Landscape Master Plan

Submission Deadline: December 9, 2015 @ 11:00 am (Eastern Time)

PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: YES DATE: 11/19/2015 TIME: 9:00 AM (ET)

MANDATORY: YES

LOCATION: University of Rhode Island Kingston Campus Library, 15 Lippitt Road, Kingston RI 02881– Galanti Lounge 3rd Floor.

Questions concerning this solicitation must be received by the Division of Purchases at doa.purquestions3@purchasing.ri.gov no later than **DATE 11/23/15 @ 4:00 PM (ET)**. Questions should be submitted in a *Microsoft Word attachment*. Please reference the RFP# on all correspondence. Questions received, if any, 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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Applicants must register on-line at the State Purchasing Website at www.purchasing.ri.gov.

Note to Applicants:

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

THIS PAGE IS NOT A BIDDER CERTIFICATION FORM

University of Rhode Island

LANDSCAPE 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 landscape architectural planning and engineering services for the "URI Landscape Master Plan" for the Kingston R.I. Campus. 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

SECTION 3 - PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The University of Rhode Island is soliciting proposals from qualified firms experienced in campus landscape planning and design to create a new Landscape Master Plan (LMP) for the Kingston, R.I. campus. URI seeks to develop a vision for the campus grounds that advances a beautiful, cohesive, and intentional landscape and supports URI efforts to strengthen and promote its sense of place. The LMP is a critically needed document, illustrative in nature, which will result in real and immediate results on the University of Rhode Island campus (see Exhibit A - Kingston Campus aerial map). The LMP will

put into effect direct physical designs and details for campus landscapes by functioning as a toolkit for administrators, designers, and grounds personnel. The LMP will add to previous master planning to create a series of strategic, action-oriented tools for the ongoing planning, design and stewardship of the URI landscape.

Incorporating existing thinking, reports, studies, and information, the LMP will be demonstrably graphic in how it describes the conditions in question, mindful of the environment and practical in its approach. The completed plan should assist in identifying and prioritizing district-based landscape improvement projects ranging in scale and cost to be implemented in the next 10-20 years as funding becomes available. In addition, it should identify funding needs for major landscape initiatives identified in the plan.

The Landscape Master Plan will define a campus hardscape and landscape plan that reflects and promotes URI's history and community; sustainable ecology; and the teaching, research, and service missions of the university. The LMP will outline and conceptually plan open spaces, define campus landscape districts, enhance sightlines to and through the campus by stipulating planting and topography, and will reinforce the identity of URI by reviewing existing landscape and hardscape details/guidelines and establishing new ones as required. The LMP development process will include University administration, faculty, staff, and students in the planning and information exchange process to build consensus and to give the resulting plans the best chance to succeed.

The LMP will provide a tool that will allow URI to achieve practical objectives including guidance for landscape materials, preservation of important campus views and lines of sight, and a means to design landscape strategies that reinforce and strengthen identified campus districts.

Goals for the URI Landscape Master Plan for the Kingston, R.I. campus

I. **Aesthetics and Image:** Develop a cohesive URI campus landscape and hardscape environment that is aesthetically pleasing, district-based, enhances the University sense of place and culture, intentionally expresses the Land Grant heritage and mission of the University, and provides guidance for further campus development and redevelopment.

II. **Effective and Accessible Learning Environment:** Provide an exterior environment that enriches student learning experiences with undisturbed and restored natural landscapes for wildlife habitat, exhibits a broad inventory of plant species for instruction in botany, horticulture and landscape architecture; features exemplary storm water management engineering, and provides a platform for intellectual engagement with the natural environment.

III. **Environmental Protection:** Each future project identified in the Master Plan should mitigate past environmental degradation by developing effective upstream storm water retention and treatment facilities that clean and filter water. New landscapes should encourage bio-habitats and support species diversity. Projects will meet and exceed regulatory requirements to promote clean water systems for surface and ground waters, reduce polluted runoff and damage from flooding and erosion to the White Horn Brook system. Define ways to improve and maintain soil quality

IV. **Maintainability and Carbon Footprint:** Develop landscapes, planted features and walkways that are maintainable by the University, use effective and efficient maintenance methods that require little irrigation and hand labor, and that minimize carbon and public health impacts from machine fuels, fertilizers and herbicides.

SECTION 4 - SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

A. Review of Campus Plans and Information

The LMP should build upon previously completed work. Review existing and applicable University of Rhode Island planning documents which include:

- 2000 URI Kingston Master Plan (which includes design standards for landscape, furnishings, planting, etc.); particularly Chapter 7.
- Lighting and Bench Precinct District Plan.
- Landscape Thematic Precinct Plan.
- Strategic Plan for Campus Sustainability 2010-2015.
- Other relevant campus plans for recent projects.

B. Research and Analysis

The selected consultant will walk the campus with key persons prior to beginning site analysis. This may entail a series of subject-specific walks, such as campus planting and arboreta, maintenance, student life, etc. in order to understand the following:

- Storm water and erosion issues.
- Species diversity.
- Become acquainted with the campus-wide pedestrian system and bicycle circulation system, as well as vehicular traffic flows and transit routes.
- Topography; study the existing topography, including views to and from the campus.
- Significant features; identify existing features that should be preserved or enhanced.
- Deliverables include site analysis illustrating research findings.

C. Concept Plans: Campus Districts

Reevaluate + update campus landscape districts, for example:

- Historic Quadrangle (potentially on National Register of Historic Places).
- North Science District, with specific analysis of the area surrounding Chafee Hall (illustrating storm water management systems, plant diversity)
- Arboretum & Medicinal + Medicinal Garden (plant teaching laboratories)
- Arts District around Fine Art Center (cultural, interpretive)
- White Horn Brook (wetlands bio-habitat)
- Other teaching/learning districts as developed with LMP study

The LMP will define the boundaries of each district and provide design alternatives to highlight and strengthen their landscape characteristics, taking into account pedestrian and vehicular connections, circulation and services, and physical setting. Designs should be simple, durable, cost-effective, and timeless.

Deliverables for this planning scope will include:

- Definition of the general boundaries of each campus landscape district.
- A short narrative of the educational and cultural intent of each district.
- Conceptual designs and alternatives to include
 - Road and pedestrian travel ways.

- Courtyards and gathering places for people.
- Identification of elements that need screening.
- Recommendations for thematic plantings for trees and shrubs.
- Recommendations of general design of landscaping.
- Site Analysis graphic illustrating results of research
- Presentation drawings of concepts for each district (see Exhibit B for example)
- A single colored Kingston Campus Landscape Master Plan summarizing district plans.
- Identification of phased construction projects and cost estimates.

D. Development of Design Guidelines

Scope of work shall include:

- Campus Gateways: Identify types of pedestrian and vehicular gateways and develop design guidelines for appropriate hardscape/landscape treatments.
- Campus Districts: Outline strategy recommendations and key performance areas to identify the sustainable development of campus districts into educationally and culturally themed areas.
- Campus Hardscape: General plans for campus walks, terraces, etc.
- Identify a system of coherent district-based outdoor spaces (quadrangles, courts, paths, lawns, groves, terraces, etc.) that reinforces the identity of the campus as a whole.
- Plant List: Review the list of recommended planting materials (trees, shrubs, turf) developed by the URI Plant Sciences and Entomology department. Consider native and sustainable species and teaching requirements, as appropriate, for programs in biological sciences, horticulture, landscape architecture, and plant pathology as appropriate.
- Identify opportunities to integrate stormwater management in managing the campus landscape.
- Define campus lighting standards and applications based on analysis and recommendations.

E. Campus Tree Planting Master Plan

Develop a tree planning master plan for campus with emphasis on district spaces. Identify, create, protect and enhance special viewsapes and lines of sight. Recommend appropriate plant and tree species for campus use.

Deliverables for this planning scope will include:

- Suggested strategies to reinforce the identity and use of campus green spaces
- Note key areas for redesign. Develop a list of projects to achieve LMP objectives.
- Identify and recommend removal of inappropriate landscape interventions; including unnecessary hardscape, railings, bollards, plantings, etc. that do not support the LMP.
- Identify major infrastructure improvements to be completed prior to new tree plantings. Develop standards for tree selection, planting, and establishment process, and for avoiding damage to trees during landscape maintenance, snow removal, and construction. Create criteria for selecting good quality trees and planting standards.
- Delineate the relationships of projects that must occur in a series.
- Provide project cost estimates for specific design projects included in the plan.
- Include information regarding landscape maintenance requirements for projects proposed in the LMP.

F. Schematic Plan: URI Quadrangle Landscape Plan

Provide design options for landscaping and tree planting for URI's Historic Quadrangle, originally designed by the landscape firm of Olmsted, Olmsted, & Elliott. Develop a concept plan describing the desired landform, pedestrian connections, circulation and services, and characteristics of the space. Designs should be simple, durable, cost-effective, and timeless.

Deliverables for this planning scope will include:

- Preliminary design and alternatives
- Development of initial recommendation of guidelines and priorities
- Conceptual grading and sections
- Conceptual plans for roads and hardscape modifications, demolition, and landscaping
- Presentation drawings for selected concept
- Project cost estimates

G. Coordination with Transportation and Parking Master Plan

URI will concurrently engage a separate team responding to the “URI Transportation + Parking Master Plan RFP” published on the State Purchasing Website according to Section 6 - Schedule below. The selected URI Landscape Master Plan team providing the services defined above in this RFP shall coordinate their work with the URI Transportation + Parking Master Plan team at formative milestones during the discovery and design process and during the cumulative preparation of deliverables to ensure overlap and integration of key design and policy recommendations.

H. Environmental Maintenance

The URI Lands + Grounds department’s responsibilities for maintaining the Kingston campus includes ground, sidewalk, road repairs, litter control, snow removal, mowing, trimming, tree work, planting/pruning flowers and shrubs, lawn fertilizing and weed control, sports field management, event support, and other grounds maintenance tasks. The LMP will analyze existing work force capacities and demands on campus maintenance. Deliverables include recommendations addressing efficiencies and best practices for greater productivity, and proposed standards for landscaped areas that respect the resource constraints of the Lands and Grounds department.

I. Final Planning Package

The LMP is intended to be an inspirational working document, whose implementation will result in a campus with a unified landscape design language. The above scope will be incorporated into a Final Planning Package that will include a single colored campus landscape plan, a written and illustrated report, and a MS PowerPoint presentation summarizing the Landscape Plan. The Plan will also include an accessible manual of planning guidelines and policies for the campus with sections specific to identified districts, maintenance recommendations, and specific design projects. The consultant will also provide an executive summary of the Landscape Master Plan, digital copies in an operable/editable software format, as well as 10 printed copies.

SECTION 5 – TEAM COMPOSITION

The selected Landscape Architecture planning team is required to include firms and staff with the following credentials, capabilities, and experience:

- Design firm(s) with previous experience in programming, planning and designing campus master plans for higher education facilities
- University master planning experience that respect and enhance the existing character, campus patterns, land forms and environment.
- LEED accredited planners experienced with developing sustainable environment strategies.
- Technical staff capabilities to collect information on landscape precedents and to assimilate the planning and cost data for use in this master plan.
- Technical staff capabilities for surveying and assessing the URI Kingston Campus.
- Highly talented landscape and engineering design staff to develop a conceptual plan that envisions the goals for the URI Landscape Master Plan expressed in this Proposal Request.
- 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 lands + grounds and the Rhode Island construction market.
- Excellent writers and renderers of images to communicate the Master Plan.

SECTION 6 - SCHEDULE

The University envisions the following schedule to produce the Landscape Master Plan:

- A/E selection and award by December, 2015
- General data gathering: January, 2015
- Meetings and planning workshops: February – April, 2016
- Presentation of master planning options: May, 2016
- Final Planning Package due: June 1, 2016

SECTION 7 - TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

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

A. Letter of transmittal: Signed by an owner, officer or authorized agent of the firm or organization, the Letter of Transmittal shall acknowledge and accept the terms and conditions of the Request, and tender an offer to the RIBOE/URI. The letter must contain a commitment to provide both the services described herein and the personnel proposed for the assignment.

B. Technical Proposal: Describe 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 - Design Methodology and Management Approach: Please describe your work process and design methods. How will you engage University of Rhode Island and other stakeholders in the planning and design process? How will you generate planning concepts, design strategies, and policy recommendations? Describe how your planning and design team will share its expertise with the University of Rhode Island in this new planning effort. We welcome your perspective on how to create a thriving campus landscape—to attract new students and to cultivate lasting connections with alumni and the larger community.

Tab 3 - Work Products: Considering the above Scope of Services, please describe in detail the deliverables.

Tab 4 - Respondent's Qualifications and Staffing: Provide an organizational team chart followed by a statement of your firm's qualifications, an outline of the proposed project team and individual resumes.

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.

C. Certificate of Authorization: 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).

D. Fee Proposal: Please define your comprehensive lump-sum fee proposal, expected compensation for each project phase, including a description of the level of detail of the work. Provide a personnel management summary, reflecting the relative proportion of effort for staff members, along with associated costs. Please include hourly billing rates for all members of the design team to be used when

invoicing optional additional services. Include a project timeline with schedule of anticipated site visits, meetings, and presentations. Strategic involvement of key leadership will be reviewed favorably.

Note: the Cost Proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope separate from the Technical Proposal.

SECTION 8 - PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Questions concerning this solicitation may be e-mailed to the Division of Purchases at doa.purquestions3@purchasing.ri.gov no later than the date and time indicated on page one of this solicitation. Please reference **RFP #7550004** on all correspondence. Questions should be submitted in a Microsoft Word attachment. Answers to questions received, if any, will be posted on the Internet as an addendum to this solicitation. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to download this information. If technical assistance is required to download, call the Help Desk at (401) 574-9709.

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#**” 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 four-page 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.
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.

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 9 - EVALUATION AND SELECTION

The technical evaluation committee may, at its sole discretion, invite any of the firms whose technical score meets the minimum (60) point threshold to a person interview. The purpose of any such interview will be to clarify any ambiguities in the firm’s technical proposal or to discuss the scope of the project. The technical evaluation committee may increase the technical score of an interviewed firm by up to five (5) points, but the interview shall not be the basis for a reduction in technical scores.

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

<p>1. DESIGN METHODOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT APPROACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the technical approach provide a full understanding of the project scope and desired outcome? • Were any potential technical issues discussed and mitigation factors proposed? • How will the team engage URI and other stakeholders in the planning process? Were visualization and innovative communications techniques proposed? • Did respondent provide a detailed work plan defining management approach and project milestones? • How will respondent assess current operations with respect to parking utilization, regulations and overall management of resources? • How will respondent generate planning concepts, design strategies, and policy recommendations? 	<p>0 - 25 POINTS MAX</p>
<p>2. PREVIOUS PROJECT EXPERIENCE AND TALENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the firm complete similar projects of high quality and relevance within the last ten years? • Is the project experience presented similar in nature to services required in scope? • In the projects presented, was the firm’s performance clear in terms of quality of work, timeliness of submissions, adherence to project schedule, and coordination with stakeholders? • Does the firm possess the ability to handle all project elements addressed in the project scope in a timely and responsive manner? 	<p>0 – 25 POINTS MAX</p>
<p>3. QUALIFICATIONS AND STAFFING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were references and contact information provided for each project presented? • Were management/technical personnel identified including level of effort and work assignments proposed? Were all qualifications and experience levels acceptable? • Did the team listed on Form SF 330 G exhibit significant overlap in past collaborations? • Were all required planning and design disciplines represented on project team proposed? • Did proposed key sub-consultants provide similar requirements and required contact information? • Does the firm possess the technical and administrative capacity suitable to the level of project complexity anticipated under this project? • Were RI registered W/MBE Firm(s) and work assignments included? • Were COE certificates and RI Licenses included? 	<p>0 - 20 POINTS MAX</p> <p>70.0 TECHNICAL POINT MAX</p>
<p>4. COST PROPOSAL (Evaluated separately)</p>	<p>0-30 POINTS MAX</p>
<p>MAXIMUM TOTAL SCORE</p>	<p>100 POINTS</p>

*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:

(low bid / vendors bid) * available points.

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.

Notwithstanding the above, the State reserves the right not to award this contract or to award on the basis of cost alone, to accept or reject any or all proposals, 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'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.

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 select any proposal(s).

- End of RFP-