

	<p align="center">GUILFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS Request for Qualifications Addendum #2</p> <p align="center">Purchasing Department 501 W. Washington Street Greensboro, NC 27401</p>
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Please see the questions submitted by a vendor and the responses below.

Q.1. The document is titled “Request for Qualifications”, but the document also uses terms like “Notice to Bidders” and “Quote” that usually only appear in documents with price proposals, like RFPs. Please clarify the nature of this solicitation document with respect to its purpose.

A.1. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is only soliciting the qualifications of vendors.

Q.2. What will be the funding source for the projects in this solicitation?

A.2. Funding for the projects is from residual 2008 Bond funds.

Q.3. What is the expected timing and schedule for the projects in this solicitation?

A.3. Except for the new addition at Smith High School, GCS expects all other projects to be complete prior to the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year.

Q.4. Will these projects be part of any anticipated bond funding? Will there be a separate future solicitation for bond projects?

A.4. These projects are funded from residual 2008 Bond funds. If necessary, GCS will solicit for future projects using a separate RFQ.

Q.5. Although an MWBE goal is stated, the selection criteria do not include verbiage that would encourage majority firms to actively seek MWBE involvement on their Teams. How then will MWBE involvement be assured in the selection process?

A.5. Please note that MWBE participation is included within the Statement of Qualifications in both the Project Experience and Diversity paragraphs. Paragraph IX Diversity says, "Describe methods firm utilizes to ensure participation of Minority/Women owned businesses."

Q.6. Will the firms selected for this solicitation be considered for any other work than the projects specifically listed?

A.6. GCS is soliciting proposals that are applicable to the description of the project scope(s) outlined within the RFQ.

Q.7. Does this solicitation include Repair & Renovation projects?

A.7. The anticipated scopes of work associated with the projects listed within the RFQ include, new construction, renovations, and up-fits.

Q.8. The Disparity Study specifically points out the under-utilization of minority, non-women-owned, professional service firms. Considering the disparity study findings, and the history on previous bond projects, particularly in design, how will the inclusion of local minority professional service consultants be supported and assured on these projects?

A.8. The Guilford County Board of Education is committed to providing equal opportunities for participation in all aspects of Guilford County Schools contracting. The Board of Education actively seeks to identify qualified minority, handicapped, and women-owned business enterprises and has adopted a verifiable goal of 12.46% for participation by minority and women-owned business enterprises, and such business enterprises are encouraged to submit their qualifications. After review of the submitted qualifications, selected firms may be requested to make a formal proposal and presentation. The Guilford County Board of Education awards public contracts without regard to race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or handicapped condition as defined by North Carolina General Statutes, Section 168A-3. GCS reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids presented, and the right to waive any informalities or irregularities.