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Geothermal Exchange System Design, Procurement, and Installation Services
RFP/RFQ
Clarification #1

Question:

1. (Received March 12, 2025) Is the intent to have a single design-build proposal from one organization or are you expecting separate design proposal and construction proposal? The RFP has wording for both but just wondering based on RFP/RFQ and the requirements listed in the U.S. Department of Energy funds.

Answer:

The intent of this RFP is to solicit Design Bids for design and engineering of the geothermal system, borefield, and vault while also including the necessary infrastructure upgrades to fully implement the system to all six buildings served by the system. Please note that Cost break-out and itemization will be necessary to identify services covered by the grant. All Design Services may be either independently performed or partnered with other design firms and/or a qualified construction manager.

It is also intended for pre-qualifying firms for phase 3, Selection of Single Prime Construction manager/Contractor. (Identified in the later part of Budget Period 1 of the US Dept. of Energy SOPO, Part B, Technical Scope Summary). Qualified contractors will be evaluated based on their delivery method and approach. It is intended that contractors will be qualified to submit bids based on design drawings/ specifications established in Phase 2. While a design-Build approach is not specifically noted in the RFP, firms recommending such an approach, and presenting it as the best value for the college will also be considered.

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-End of Clarification #1-

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