

## **Project Overview**

Augusta School Department wishes to procure architectural/engineering services for a proposed school construction project.

The selected firm(s) will work closely with Augusta School Department and the Maine Department of Education to analyze existing District facilities to identify options for addressing the needs of Lillian P Hussey Elementary (#9 on the State's 2017-2018 Major Capital School Construction Approved List). The evaluation may also include space and needs analysis of additional buildings within the District for a potential comprehensive district-wide solution.

The project team will be asked to perform evaluation(s) of potential building sites and develop a strong concept design with required related documents to be submitted to the State Board of Education for Concept Design and Site Approvals.

Following a successful Concept Approval by the State Board and a successful local referendum vote, the School District will consider a second professional services contract to include but not be limited to design development, preparation of bid documents, and construction administration.

The selected firm or firms may be required to coordinate this work or additional work with other consultants contracted by the Owner.

## **District Background**

Augusta School Department consists of primarily students from Augusta, with tuition students from Chelsea, Jefferson, Somerville, South China, Vassalboro, Whitefield and Windsor. The total student population of the five schools is 2,160 students with 420 faculty and staff. The district consists of five school buildings:

- Farrington Elementary School
  - Located on Eastern Avenue in Augusta
  - Constructed in 1988 with no addition
  - Total building square feet is 48,050 with capacity of 384
  - Property size is 17.05 acres
  
- Sylvio J Gilbert Elementary
  - Located on Sunset Street in Augusta
  - Constructed in 1973 with no addition
  - Total building square feet is 52,633 with capacity of 421
  - Property size is 19.50 acres
  
- Lillian P Hussey Elementary
  - Located on Gedney Street in Augusta
  - Constructed in 1954 with no addition
  - Total building square feet is 28,900 with capacity of 231
  - Property size is 3.90 acres
  
- Lincoln Elementary School
  - Located on Eastern Avenue in Augusta
  - Constructed in 1988 with no addition

- Total building square feet is 38,000 with capacity of 304
- Property size is 3.90 acres
- Cony/CATC Campus
  - Located on Pierce Drive in Augusta
  - Property size of the campus is 60 acres
  - CATC was constructed in 1973
  - Total building square feet is 87,700 with capacity of 340
  - Cony Middle/High School was added on in 2006
  - Total building square feet is 1074 with capacity of 1074

### **Timeline Overview for Selection**

- April 1: Advertisement
- May 10: Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications due
- May 24: All firms notified of short list selections
- June 3 - 7: Short list firms interviewed
- June 10 - 14: Reference checks & potential site visits
- June 17: Award announcement
- June 24: Architect kickoff

Firms responding shall employ personnel who have current licensure in the State of Maine who will serve as Architects, Engineers, and Landscape Architects of Record on this project.

Firms responding will be screened and interviewed on the basis of qualifications only. Project fees and specific design solutions for this project shall not be discussed at the interview. Specific program information will not be available before the screening of qualification packages. The selection committee will rank all firms and negotiate fees with the highest ranked firm.

A standard procurement process of Architect and Engineer design services for public improvements is a Qualification Based Selection (QBS) process required by statute (Title 5, §1742 subsection 6).