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**Request for Qualifications**  
**Information for Architects and Engineers**

The Department of Corrections wishes to procure architectural/engineering services for the **Air Handler Replacement Project** (BGS 3814) at multiples correctional facilities in Maine.

**Project Description**

The Maine Department of Corrections is seeking a qualified architectural and engineering firm to manage the replacement of approximately eighty aging air handler and heat return units across multiple correctional facilities, including the Maine State Prison (Warren, Maine), Long Creek Youth Development Center (South Portland, Maine), Maine Correctional Center (Windham, Maine), and Mountain View Correctional Facility (Charleston, Maine). Many of these units, installed over two decades ago, are now nearing the end of their operational life, impacting facility efficiency, climate control, and overall air quality standards. This project is critical to maintaining safe and compliant conditions within these institutions, as well as ensuring optimal performance to meet the stringent environmental and operational demands of correctional facilities.

The scope of services for this project includes, but may not be limited to, schedule and cost estimating, preliminary design, design development, contract documents, and administration of bidding and construction. The AE Consultant may be required to coordinate this work or additional work with other consultants contracted by the Owner.

**Project Budget**

The construction budget is approximately \$14 million, with an overall project budget not to exceed \$18 million.

**Anticipated Schedule**

RFQ responses due .....	1/29/2025
Short-listed firms notified .....	by 2/5/2025
A/E firm interviews.....	2/10/2025 to 2/14/2025
A/E firm selection .....	2/19/2025
Agreement approved .....	by 3/12/2025
Design completed.....	by 9/12/2025



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Bids received..... by 10/10/2025  
Construction completed ..... by 10/31/2027  
Project duration..... 3/12/2025 – 10/31/2027

### **Submission Requirements**

Interested firms should submit *three paper copies* and *one electronic copy* of a Letter of Interest with a Statement of Qualifications which includes their response to criteria A through G in the Selection Criteria table below.

The *paper copies* of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent to Scott Goulette, 25 Tyson Drive, 111 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0111, so as to be received not later than **1:00 PM on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**.

The *electronic copy* of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent as an attachment to an email addressed to [BGS.Architect@Maine.gov](mailto:BGS.Architect@Maine.gov) so as to meet the deadline noted above. Alternate methods of providing electronic copies, such as website links to file sharing sites, or flash drives, or encrypted e-mails are unacceptable and may invalidate the entire submission.

### **Selection Criteria**

A.	Qualifications to undertake this project	Professional experience in general. Quality of services. Relevant disciplines. Size of firm or firms. Understanding of this project. Responsiveness to project by virtue of proximity. Discuss each of the above especially as it relates to the work of this project.
B.	Cost control experience	Ability to manage project budgets, and design to budgets, to create accurate construction cost estimates, and to utilize project cost controls in design and construction.
C.	Project experience	List of projects that demonstrate capabilities, with services provided for each project. Provide project details, date of completion, and client contact information for each. Note the involvement of the particular personnel who are proposed for this project.



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D.	Similar project experience	List of recently completed projects similar in type, size, and other elements. Provide project details, date of completion, and client contact information for each. Note the involvement of the particular personnel who are proposed for this project.
E.	Project team	Organization of project team, with profiles of key personnel who would be involved in the project. Provide education, special training, experience, and responsibilities of personnel, especially as it relates to the work of this project. Experience working together as a unit.
F.	Workload projection	General illustration or statement of the ability of the project team to respond to this project schedule.
G.	Business references	List of business references other than those listed above, including contact information.

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. This project will utilize the standard BGS contract forms and conform to BGS guidelines and policies such as the Architectural and Engineering fee policy, available on the BGS website (<https://www.maine.gov/dafs/bgs/forms>).

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.

### **Architect-Engineer Procurement Process**

The 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), and described briefly here.

1. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) solicitation is the step in the process after the Owner entity allocates funding, and receives approval from BGS to conduct the procurement.
2. Interested firms respond to the RFQ as described below, submitting the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications to the Selection Committee.



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3. The Selection Committee screens all submissions and invites the most qualified firms to interview for the project, typically three to five firms.
4. The Selection Committee interviews the firms. Second interviews may be scheduled. References are checked.
5. The Selection Committee ranks all of the interviewed firms. The Committee negotiates an agreement with the highest ranked firm based on the scope of professional services identified in the RFQ and interview.
6. A BGS Architect/Engineer Agreement is drafted.
7. The agreement must be approved by BGS before work commences.