



**State of Maine
Bureau of General Services
Division of Planning, Design & Construction**

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

The Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management (DVEM) wishes to procure architectural/engineering design services for the construction of a **Transient Training Barracks** at Maine Ave. in Bangor, Maine.

Project Description

Project consists of the investigative and design services required to construct a new barracks in Bangor, Maine. Primary engineering discipline is Structural, but project also contains Civil, Electrical, Architectural, Building Controls, as well as Fire Suppression disciplines. Objective is to construct new one-story barracks. Uniform Facilities Codes are (UFC 4-721-01 Permanent Party Unaccompanied House, UFC 4-010-06 Cybersecurity of Facility-Related Control Systems, UFC 4-020-01 DoD Security Engineering Facilities Planning Manual) and other pertinent guides and codes.

The scope of services for this project includes, but may not be limited to, permitting, schedule and cost estimating, preliminary design, design development, and contract documents. The administration of bidding and construction oversight may be part of this award dependent upon further guidance from National Guard Bureau. Issued for Bid (IFB) documents are expected to be completed no later than 19 February 2026. 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 \$3.5 million, with an overall project budget not to exceed \$4.4 million.

Anticipated Schedule

RFQ responses due	2/19/2026
Short-listed firms notified	by 3/5/2026
A/E firm interviews.....	2/27/2026 to 3/13/2026
A/E firm selection	3/20/2026
Agreement approved	by 3/31/2026
Design completed.....	by 7/1/2026
Bids received.....	by 7/30/2026



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Construction completed by TBD
Project duration..... TBD – TBD



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Submission Requirements

Interested firms should submit *five 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 Mr. Dylan Banden, Facility Project Manager, Camp Keyes-BLDG 7, 194 Winthrop Street, Augusta ME, 04333-0033 to be received not later than **1:00 PM** on 19 February 2026.

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 and dylan.c.banden.nfg@army.mil so as to meet the deadline noted above. **Include the subject line: “RFQ-3907 DVEM ARNG Bangor Transient Training Barracks” in the email submissions.** 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.
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.



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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, 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.
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.



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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.