



PUBLIC NOTICE OF DESIGNER SELECTION

Designer Selection Board

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DSB List#:	22-25	
Notice Date:	10/12/2022	
Submission Deadline:	11/2/2022	At 2:00 PM
Project Number:	DSBP28	
Project Title:	Design services for repairs, replacements, and upgrades to existing facilities	
Project Location:	Dartmouth, MA	
Awarding Agency:	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (UMD)	
Available Aggregate Amount	\$15,000,000	
Estimated Construction Cost:	Varies per Project, Not to Exceed authority delegated pursuant to M.G.L. c. 7C §5, for an individual project.	
Contract Term	Up to six (6) years	
Maximum Fee Per Contract (based on the scope of the work and services authorized, shall not exceed)	\$2,500,000	

Contract Type: This contract will be a "House Doctor" contract. Multiple projects of the type described in the Project Overview and Scope of Work may be assigned, and fee increments approved, up to the maximum fee per contract. Selection by the DSB under this advertisement does not guarantee that a contract will be executed with any given firm. The Awarding Agency will enter into House Doctor contract(s) with selected firm(s) at its sole discretion, based on the Awarding Agency's needs. The Awarding Agency may award up to **[six]** contracts, each with a total value of **\$2,500,000** to qualified designers under this contract. Awarding Authority may assign a House Doctor with which it has signed a contract to perform individual project(s) of the type described in this advertisement directly for another Commonwealth entity.

Prime Firm Requested

- ☒ Architect
- ☐ Landscape Architect
- ☐ Engineer
- ☐ Interior Designer
- ☐ Programmer
- ☐ Construction Manager

Immediate Service Authorized

- ☒ Certifiable Building Study
- ☒ Schematic Plans and Outline Specifications
- ☒ Design Development Plans and Specifications
- ☒ Construction Plans and Specifications
- ☒ Administration and Construction Contract
- ☐ Other

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AGENCY INFORMATION

UMass Dartmouth traces its roots to 1895 through predecessor textile schools in New Bedford and Fall River. In 1962, the two schools were combined to create the Southeastern Massachusetts Technological Institute and ground was broken on a unified campus two years later. In 1969 the school expanded to become Southeastern Massachusetts University. UMass Dartmouth adopted its present name and merged with the UMass System in 1991.

UMass Dartmouth is the only public research university within the south coast of Massachusetts. The facilities include buildings ranging in age from 2 to 56 years old. The 710-acre main campus has undergone several expansions this century including the addition of the Charlton College of Business facility, new residence halls, research facilities, and a major library extension and renovation. Construction of second major marine science facility in New Bedford, and an addition to the Charlton College have been completed in the last five years. A new 1,000-bed residence hall opened in the fall of 2020. The Science and Engineering Building is currently undergoing a major renovation.

Designed by architect Paul Rudolph, the main campus is located in Dartmouth with large areas of undeveloped green space, including extensive wooded areas, grasslands, wetlands, and ponds. Other University sites include the School for Marine Science and Technology on the waterfront in New Bedford, the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship business incubator in Fall River, the School of Law in Dartmouth, and the College of Visual and Performing Arts in downtown New Bedford. UMass Dartmouth employs more than 1,400 people, including nearly 400 full-time faculty members, and creates more than 2,600 non-university jobs.



Ariel View of UMass Dartmouth Campus

The School of Science and Engineering Building: The interior of the Science and Engineering Building (SENG) represents a typical main campus building interior. SENG has just completed a \$45 million dollar building renovation. This project consisted of ADA improvements, fire/safety enhancements including sprinklers and extensive mechanical, electrical, and plumbing system upgrades.



Claire T. Carney Library: designed by Paul Rudolph and completed in 1972, the UMass Dartmouth library is a massive concrete complex that underwent a \$43 million renovation in 2012. The renovation project created a new entry, established new internal information systems, and replaced the mechanical and electrical systems.



UMass Dartmouth Claire T Carney Library Building

P3 Student Housing Facility: The new P3 Student Housing and Dining facility was completed in 2020, and is a 1,220-bed, 250,000 square-foot residents halls consisting of inclusive of classrooms, multimedia and study lounges, recreational spaces, and a 40,000 square foot dining common.



UMass Dartmouth P3 Student Housing & Dining

Campus Map:

Please see attached PDF to view the UMass Dartmouth Campus map or click on the interactive link below.

- [UMass Dartmouth Interactive Campus Map](#)

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The University seeks House Doctor Architectural firms for the preparation of certifiable studies, schematic plans, final design documents, and construction administration services for the repair, alteration, and modernization of campus buildings.

Repair, alteration, and modernization of campus facilities include, but are not limited to:

- Research and instructional laboratories
- Athletic facilities
- Lecture halls, classrooms, and teaching facilities
- Office suites and administrative areas
- Elevators
- Residential Halls
- Student recreational and support facilities, including dining and food services
- Renovations within historical and/or concrete buildings over 50 years old
- Renovations within LEED Silver certified buildings
- Campus landscaping and grounds

SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work may include but is not limited to:

1. Problem analysis.
2. Existing conditions investigation and documentation.
3. Developing recommendations for detailed repairs and development of associated order of magnitude costs and schedule.
4. Proposing alternatives / options for addressing the identified problem(s), including an alternative that would eliminate the use of fossil fuels, per EO 594.
5. Identifying and developing a preferred solution from conceptual design through construction drawings.
6. Preparing construction specifications and documents, cost estimates, and providing construction administration for the solution.

Consideration in analysis should include energy costs, sustainability principles, operations, constructability, capital costs, schedule, expected remaining useful life of building systems and related life cycle costs.

If the selected designer is appointed for final design, the general scope of work will be defined by the certifiable building study and the current version of the DCAMM Designer Procedures Manual.

APPLICATION EVALUATION

Applications will be evaluated based on the DSB criteria for selection of semi-finalist and finalist appearing on the DSB website <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/12/19/criteria-for-selection-of-semi-finalists-and-finalists-160707.pdf>. The specific Personnel and Project Experience recommended are listed below.

Personnel

1. Architect (Prime Firm)
2. Landscape Architect
3. Civil Engineer
4. MEP/FP Engineer
5. Structural Engineer
6. Specifications Consultant
7. Cost Estimator (independent consultant required)
8. MA Building Code Consultant
9. Historic Preservation Consultant
10. Hazardous Materials Consultant
11. Sustainability Consultant

- The title “Architect” refers to design professionals that maintain a current registration with the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Architects; and
- The title “Landscape Architect” refers to design professionals that maintain a current registration with the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Landscape Architects; and the title “Landscape Professional” refers to an individual who may not hold a certificate of registration from the Board of Landscape Architects, but can prove requisite experience, education and training that enable them to perform the landscape design services outlined herein; and
- The title “Engineer” refers to design professionals that maintain a current registration in any one of the engineering categories governed by the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and of Land Surveyors.

Evaluation Factors

Applications will be evaluated based upon the requirements of M.G.L. C. 7C, § 49 and the work listed on DSB Application Form Sections 4 and 5 which illustrate current qualifications in the following areas:

1. The Prime firm, through their Diversity Focus Statement (in Section 5), shall demonstrate their firm's implementation of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) principles within its organization and within the design profession. The Statement shall:
 - a. document the firm's track record for meeting and exceeding EDI goals, including the demonstrated track record of the Prime firm for meeting DCAMM or other agency diversity goals, highlighting in particular prior projects that have met or exceeded these goals
 - b. specify the firm's approach toward assembling the team for this project, both with internal staff and the inclusion of M/W/VBE firms
 - c. detail the experience of the working relationships among the team, including a description of the roles and responsibilities among the team members assigned to this project.
2. Demonstrated experience working in existing, historic buildings (particularly those from the modernist / brutalist movement in the middle of the 20th century) and occupied higher education facilities (academic classrooms, research and teaching laboratories, residential halls, student activity and athletic facilities, offices, and administrative spaces)
3. Demonstrated experience of the prime designer working on publicly bid Chapter 149 and Chapter 30/39M projects in Massachusetts in the \$50k - \$10M cost range. Prime should have experience acting in project manager role overseeing sub-consultants.
4. Key team members will have demonstrated experience in leading and facilitating projects which target high-efficiency building and site design principles, elimination and/or mitigation of the use of fossil fuels and climate resilience in design and systems Energy and sustainability experience and expertise may include projects with one or more of these sustainable features and/or practices: zero-net energy design, LEED certification, Passive House design and certification, embodied carbon analysis, photovoltaic (PV) arrays, geothermal and/or air source heat pumps, strategic electrification, and others.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The scope of work for this project is supported by the materials listed below.

- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Website: <https://www.umd.edu/>
- Campus Master Plan: <https://www.umassd.edu/cmpcp/>

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Project requirements, general conditions and/or requirements of this public notice include, but are not limited to:

Affirmative Marketing

MBE/WBE Participation

The Commonwealth is committed to helping address the disparity in the participation of minorities and women in design. Along with the MBE and WBE participation goals which reflect ownership status set forth below, the Designer Selection Board and **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (UMD)** are interested in learning about the applicant firm's approach and commitment to diversity in its HR policy, its overall business practices and in assembling this project team. Firms are encouraged to be creative in assembling their teams by considering dividing the work of a particular discipline, when appropriate, including work it would typically provide in house, partnering, offering opportunities to qualified firms with which it or its consultants have not previously worked or firms that may have less experience working on public projects, and other means that provide additional opportunities for MBE and WBE firms in new ways.

Applicants, as prime firm and team lead, should include in their application, under Section 5, a Diversity Focus Statement directly addressing their approach to enhancing diversity in assembling the team for this project, including a clear description of each working relationship, and in their overall HR and business practices. The Designer Selection Board strongly encourages teams composed of firms that expand the overall breadth of different firms working on **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (UMD)** projects.

In accordance with M.G.L. C.7C, §6 and Executive Orders 526 and 565, the **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (UMD)** has established minimum MBE and WBE participation goals of **5.4% MBE and 10.4% WBE** of the overall value of the study and final design contracts for this Contract/project. Applicants must utilize both MBE and WBE firms whose participation meet these separate participation goals set for the Contract. The separate MBE and WBE participation goals must be met within the list of requested prime and sub-consultants and those MBE and WBE firms with which they team. MBE and WBE firms providing extra services, such as surveying or testing, can also contribute to the MBE and WBE participation on the project.

All applicants must indicate in their applications how it or its consultants will meet these goals and will be evaluated on that basis. Further information about the MBE and WBE Program appears in the “Participation by Minority Owned Businesses and Woman Owned Businesses,” in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Contract for House Doctor Services at Attachment F, and a list of firms currently MBE or WBE certified appears on the Supplier Diversity Office website: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/supplier-diversity-office-sdo>

Applications from MBE and WBE firms as prime consultant are encouraged. Applicants that are themselves MBE or WBE certified may use their participation toward meeting the goal for the certification they hold and will be required to bring participation by additional firm(s) that holds the necessary SDO certifications to meet or exceed the goals on this Contract. Applicants are strongly encouraged to utilize multiple disciplines and firms to meet the MBE and WBE goals. Consultants to the prime can team within their disciplines in order to meet the MBE and WBE goals but must state this relationship on the organizational chart (Section 6 of the application form). Please note that only firms that are currently Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office certified as MBE or WBE can be credited toward meeting project MBE or WBE goals.

Additional Diversity Programs:

Veteran Owned Business Participation Benchmark – Chapter 108 of the Acts of 2012; Executive Order 565

The Commonwealth encourages the participation of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises (“SDVOBE”) and Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises (“VBE”) on its design projects. The benchmark for combined SDVOBE and VBE participation on DCAMM and other Executive Branch agencies design projects is 3% of the contract price as set forth in the standard DCAMM Contract for House Doctor Services referenced herein.

In addition, the Commonwealth encourages the participation of Disability-Owned Business Enterprises (DOBEs) and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Business Enterprises (LGBTBEs) firms on its design projects (see Executive Order 565 -No. 565: Reaffirming and Expanding the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Program | Mass.gov.

Energy, Sustainability and Climate Change Adaptation

Executive Order 569: Establishing an Integrated Climate Change Strategy for the Commonwealth

Projects undertaken under this contract shall comply with all applicable requirements of Executive Order 569 – see <https://www.mass.gov/executive-orders/no-569-establishing-an-integrated-climate-change-strategy-for-the-commonwealth>. Project teams will need to complete the DCAMM Resilience Checklist and the design requirements of the Resilient MA program (resilientma.org).

Executive Order 594: Leading by Example – Decarbonizing and Minimizing Environmental Impacts of State Government

In support of the Commonwealth's commitment to sustainable design, the design team is expected to identify and integrate carbon reduction strategies including, but not limited to, low/no carbon fuel sources, high efficiency measures, and renewable energy sources such as geothermal and solar. Civil and landscape design should emphasize water conservation, integrated storm water management, and low-maintenance ecologically appropriate planting design. Projects undertaken under this contract shall comply with all applicable requirements of Executive Order 594 (EO 594) or the most recent Leading by Example Executive Order (see, especially, Section 3 – Standards for New Construction and Section 4 - Information about requirements for existing buildings): see <https://www.mass.gov/executive-orders/no-594-leading-by-example-decarbonizing-and-minimizing-environmental-impacts-of-state-government>.

Building studies may include preliminary estimates of the project's energy use, water use, and greenhouse gas emissions using protocols established by EOEEA or as determined by Awarding Agency. No building study shall be certified for final design unless all means, methods, and commitments required to mitigate the project's impact on the operating agency's plan for meeting goals of the relevant Executive Orders are documented in the consensus solution, implementation plan and estimated construction cost.

Universal Design/Accessibility

Universal Design

Design solutions provided under this contract are expected to meet the diverse and changing needs of users across age, ability, language, ethnicity and economic circumstance. The Commonwealth welcomes innovative design strategies that are usable by the widest range of people operating in the widest range of situations without the need for special or separate design. The design team is expected to utilize the [Goals of Universal Design https://idea.ap.buffalo.edu/about/universal-design/](https://idea.ap.buffalo.edu/about/universal-design/) as guidance for applying Universal Design solutions to the project.

Accessibility

The Designer's team must comply, at a minimum, with 521 CMR, The Rules and Regulations of the Architectural Access Board <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/architectural-access-board> as well as the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design <https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADAStandards/2010ADAstandards.htm> the requirements of these two laws differ the Designer's team shall comply with the one that provides the greater degree of accessibility.

The Designer's team is also expected to understand and reflect in its design the civil rights obligations of the Commonwealth under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleII_2010/titleII_2010_regulations.htm) to provide equal access to programs, services, activities and comply with ADA scope requirements for alteration of primary function areas, as applicable. Awarding Agency's will use its accessibility consultants to provide technical assistance and oversight for accessibility compliance during the study, design and construction process, including accessibility audits of existing buildings.

The Designer will incorporate the work of the accessibility consultant into their construction documents. If an accessibility consultant is assigned, then the House Doctor must review and incorporate the accessibility consultants' findings into their proposed work. Assignment of an accessibility consultant does not relieve the House Doctor, designer, or their code consultant of their obligation to make sure all accessibility requirements are met on the project.

Policies & Procedures

Financial Statement

M.G.L. c. 7C, §51 requires that on public design contracts where the total design fee is expected to exceed \$30,000 and for the design of a project for which the estimated construction cost is expected to exceed \$300,000 the Designer shall:

- a) File its latest CPA or PA audited financial statement with the Awarding Agency, and continue to do so annually throughout the term of the contract;
- b) Submit a statement from a CPA or PA that states that they have examined management's internal auditing controls, and expresses their opinion regarding those controls to the **Awarding Agency**.

DCAMM Procedures

The Designer must be familiar with the procedures established in DCAMM's Designer Procedures Manual <https://www.mass.gov/doc/designers-procedures-manual> (dated August 2008) Applicants are urged to review and become familiar with the following supplemental material, which is available on the web at: (<http://www.mass.gov/dcamm>).

Workshops

Designer's team will hold periodic workshops to ensure that critical issues are not overlooked and that all team members have an opportunity to contribute their expertise, to anticipate potential obstacles, to identify potential solutions, and to expedite the decision-making process. Attendance by key members of the Designer's team will be required at all workshops.

Environmental and other supplemental services

Development of any hazardous materials assessments, specifications, and documents will be provided through the Hazardous Materials Consultant design team member identified above. **The Awarding Agency** reserves the right to obtain supplemental services through independent consultants who will collaborate with the Designer's team. These supplemental services may include, but are not limited to, asbestos inspection and monitoring, and indoor air quality testing and monitoring.

Construction Specifications

The Designer shall utilize the DCAMM Standard Specification.

Cost Estimating

Cost estimates, cost models, and estimator participation in both the study and the design phases shall meet the requirements of the current DCAMM Cost Estimating Manual and will be submitted in Uniformalt II in the study phase and in both Uniformalt II to Level 3 and CSI Masterformat in the design phase. The Cost Estimating Manual can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/cost-estimating-manual> and Uniformalt II can be found at <http://fire.nist.gov/bfrlpubs/build99/PDF/b99080.pdf>.

Building Information Modeling (BIM)

Building Information Modeling (BIM) will be used in the study, design, and construction phases of the project. The BIM List of Services can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/bim-list-of-services/download>

This List of Services document is a general statement of Awarding Agency's current requirements regarding the use of Building Information Modeling technology in agency projects. The specific requirements regarding use of the BIM will vary depending on the nature of the project, the levels of development delineated in the Awarding Agency's approved BIM Execution Plan for the project, and the diverse purposes for which Awarding Agency's will use the BIM during the life cycle of the facility from design through facility operations. In all instances, the language of the project contract(s) will be controlling.

Building Commissioning

The Awarding Agency will include an independent third-party building commissioning agent as part of this project. The commissioning agent will develop in collaboration with the Awarding Agency an operations and maintenance plan as a reimbursable expense during the building commissioning phase. The commissioning agent will meet with the Awarding Agency and the Designer's team during planning, design and construction to evaluate design proposals and make recommendations to ensure the maintainability and operational efficiency of the new building.

CM at Risk

The construction of some projects may be performed utilizing a construction management at-risk (CMAR, sometimes referred to as CM/GC) contract in accordance with M.G.L. c. 149A. It is anticipated that the CM will be on board during the Schematic Design phase of the project.

Integrated Project Delivery Approach/Lean Construction Tools

To the extent allowed under the Commonwealth public procurement laws and regulations, the Awarding Agency may elect to use some aspects of an Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) approach, as generally described in the AIA document [Integrated Project Delivery: A Guide](https://zdassets.aiacontracts.org/ctrzdw02/zdpdfs/ipd_guide.pdf) (2007) – (see https://zdassets.aiacontracts.org/ctrzdw02/zdpdfs/ipd_guide.pdf for informational purposes). To the extent the IPD approach and/or Lean Construction Tools conflict with the Awarding Agency's contract terms or the laws governing the Awarding Agency, then the contract documents and laws shall take precedence. The Awarding Agency's preliminary approach will work as an integrated project delivery team within the existing statutory and contractual frameworks.

The Awarding Agency may elect to use Lean Construction Tools as part of the IPD project delivery approach. The Lean Tools that the Awarding Agency may use in connection with the project include Value Stream Mapping, Set Based Design, Target Value Design, A3 Decision-making, and Last Planner™ - (see https://leanconstruction.org/uploads/wp/media/docs/LCI_Glossary12232015.pdf for informational purposes).

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

The Awarding Agency intends to use a customized version of DCAMM's Contract for House Doctor Services. A non-customized version of this document is available at: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/contract-for-house-doctor-services/download>

Study Phase: UMD will establish a schedule to complete a Study, including Schematic Design on a **per project basis**.

Design Phase: UMD will establish a schedule to complete design (DD and CD), and construction administration services on a **per project basis**.

Applicants are advised that certain documents are required as a condition of contract execution, including, without limitation, evidence of professional liability insurance in an amount equal to the lesser of \$5,000,000 or 10% of the Project's Fixed Limit Construction Cost, but in no event less than \$250,000 per claim (i.e., minimum coverage of \$250,000 up to \$5,000,000 per claim depending on the construction cost). Evidence of pollution liability coverage in compliance with the Contract requirements may be carried by the Hazardous Materials Consultant identified above. All other coverage must be carried by the Designer.

CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATION

Before a designer can apply for a project within DSB jurisdiction, they must file a written "disclosure statement" in accordance with M.G.L. c. 7C, § 48. The statement provides the basis for the DSB informational database and verifies that the designer meets certain general qualification and ownership requirements detailed in M.G.L. c. 7C, §§ 44 and 48. To help firms meet this requirement, the Designer Selection Board provides an online registration system that can be accessed at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/new-dsb-online-registration-process>.

Firms must register on this platform to submit the required disclosure statement; paper disclosure statement submissions are no longer accepted. As part of applying for a particular project, firms must verify that the information provided remains accurate and up-to-date or, if necessary, submit updated information.

APPLICANTS PLEASE NOTE

The Designer Selection Board has transitioned to a new online system for all of its operations on the AUTOCENE Enterprise Automation Platform. We encourage everyone in the design community to enter all their information and start getting used to this powerful new product! The board no longer accepts jurisdictional applications through our old application system and all new applications must be completed within AutoCene. New users can request credentials through the system login screen:

<https://dsb.formverse5.com/FORMVERSESERVER-DSB/WebApp/Login.aspx>