

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
TO CONSTRUCT A NEW
GORDON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SERVICE CENTER**

**ADDENDUM #1
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Please acknowledge this addendum in you RFQ submittal

Can you please clarify if all firms who submit qualifications will sit down for individual meetings on Fri. Dec. 14 or if only selected (shortlisted) firms will be invited on the 14th? In addition, what will the format of the meeting on the 14th be, as well as the times?

Gordon County is anticipating a few RFQ responses based on historical trends for this type of work. If the county receives only 2 or 3 submittals, then every firm that submits a proposal will be invited to attend the Fri. Dec. 14 meeting. If more than 4 firms submit proposals, then a short list will be developed and those firms on the short list will be invited to interview sometime later in Dec. Since USDA is requiring the county to have the building constructed by Sept. 30, 2013, time is of the essence. So therefore, all proposing firms should be available on Fri. Dec. 14 to interview in Gordon County.

The format of the Fri. Dec. 14 meeting will be each company will have about 25 minutes to introduce their company, team members, relevant experience, etc. and about 20 minutes for questions/answers from the selection committee. The meetings should begin around 10 a.m. and last until 2 p.m.

Is the site described on page 1, the property to the immediate east of the Hwy 53 entrance road to the livestock pavilion?

Yes, as you drive up to the livestock pavilion from SR 53 Spur, the 5 acre property is to the right and the only entrance to the new facility will come off this driveway.

Will there be a permanent secondary entrance road to the facility from McDaniel Station Road?

No.

Can you give some idea of what the selection committee is looking for in terms of appearance? For example, masonry block or brick, EIFS, or other exterior finishes?

Since this will be an office facility used by agricultural type customers next to a livestock pavilion, the exterior appearance should match the customer and the surroundings.

The local DFCS building on Maudlin Road comes to mind when envisioning a design concept for your building. Is this somewhat similar to what the committee is seeking?

Yes, somewhat. A basic office building but with an agricultural flair.

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Is a single level structure the desire of the selection committee?

Yes.

Are there any current surveys that will be available for the property?

No. The 100+ acre property is currently owned by the Gordon County Development Authority. The Authority has agreed to carve out 5 acres for this project next to the livestock pavilion. However, the selected architect-general contractor team will determine how that 5 acres will be shaped for maximum use of the property that minimizes SR 53 Spur road frontage and takes into consideration proper drainage/retention pond. Then a boundary survey will be made.

Regarding "green technology", is a LEED certification required by the GC or architect?

No.

What are some of the green technologies under consideration?

Efficient use of electricity, position of the facility for natural sunlight, window treatments, roof overhangs, water fixtures, and other basic green technology.

Obviously, time is of the essence, particularly with regards to the design and approval phase for the building and site prior to pricing. Is the September date for substantial completion a locked-in date, or is it flexible and if so, what is a secondary acceptable date or time range?

The county has signed agreements with the USDA agreeing to the September 30, 2013 substantial completion deadline for their portion of this facility (4,260 s.f.). Therefore, the September 30, 2013 deadline for the USDA's portion is locked in. However, the remaining portion of the facility (8,703 s.f.) is somewhat flexible and could be completed at a later date, however.

Please include the Solicitation of Offers (SFO) issued from USDA.

The 84 page SFO will be available to any proposer who wishes to see it. It will be available for free by mail or pick-up. Contact Randall Dowling, Gordon County Administrator, at 706-629-3795 or rdowling@gordoncounty.org

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