

Request for Qualifications of Rhode Island Mayoral Academy sm Blackstone Valley

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Rhode Island Mayoral Academy sm Blackstone Valley (the "School") is a charter school and mayoral academy under the laws of the State of Rhode Island. The School is a network of tuition-free public schools chartered by the Rhode Island Department of Education. As a growing network that is part of the Charter School Growth Fund portfolio, the School offers a high quality public school choice to the families of Central Falls, Cumberland, Lincoln and Pawtucket and currently serves nearly 2,000 scholars in grades K-12. The School's mission is to prepare every scholar for success in college and the world beyond.

Scope of Services

The School's board-approved procurement policy states, in part, that: the School procures only those goods and services that are required to perform the mission and / or fill a bona fide need. Guiding the purchase of all goods and services at BVP will be: (a) price; (b) quality; and (c) dependability. Particular vendors may be chosen for any one or any combination of these factors; however, at all times, the selection of a particular good, service, or vendor shall be with the intention of maintaining a top-quality network of schools and maximizing value for the organization. Price, while a factor, will not be the sole determinant in the selection of any vendor by the School.

The School currently leases a school facility from the Town of Lincoln located at 3 Fairlawn Way and the building is currently occupied with one of the School's middle schools. The School intends to build an approximately 4,000 square foot addition, renovate existing bathrooms, install a central HVAC system, and make some parking modifications to increase efficiency. The School would like this work to commence in the summer of 2019 with completion of all work for the fall of 2020. The completed project will be fully occupied in the 2019-20 school year.

The School is requesting qualifications from professionals to perform architectural, engineering, and construction management (CM) services from design and construction teams. Interested teams should submit a letter of interest introducing the team members and each firm's ability to perform the work in a complete, timely, cost-effective and professional manner. The selected team will design the addition and renovations and produce a CM at Risk Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract for construction. The contract for construction will be subject to prevailing wage requirements for public school projects in the State of Rhode Island. A payment and completion bond will be required for the project. Teams should also submit a list of similar projects in scope and size with aggressive design and construction schedules. Teams should also include proposed costs for design and construction services.

Criteria for Selection

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Demonstrated expertise, capacity, reputation and experience particularly in education
- The complete team's understanding of the project requirements
- Capacity to meet project deadlines
- Detailed work plan
- Overall cost
- References

Proposed Timeline

- Proposal Submittal Date: April 18, 2019
- Notice of Intent to Submit and any questions: April 11, 2019
- Selection: May 2, 2019
- Contract Start and Duration: May 9, 2019 – August 2020

Proposal Submission and Review

Qualifications must be received by the undersigned not later than 1:00 PM on the proposal Submittal Date. The School reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or to accept any proposal considered by School, in its sole discretion, to be most favorable. The School may, in its discretion, interview one or more of the parties or their representative submitting proposals.

All questions regarding the subject RFP must be received by the undersigned, in writing no later than April 11, 2019. Such questions, and their corresponding answers, will be issued to all participants.

Sincerely,
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