

Riverfront Cold Storage Facility Announcement No. 3

Licenses

The Port's Design Build Ordinance, which complies with LA R.S. 38:2225.21 for the Design-Build process, is posted on the project webpage. The Port's RFQ follows these rules and below are excerpts from the Design-Build Ordinance that firms need to consider in preparing the Statement of Qualifications.

State law requires that the firm that submits the Statement of Qualifications package, i.e. the Design-Build Applicant Entity, which is the entity which will enter into a contract with the Port, must be licensed in LA as a contractor or a design firm (engineer or architect). However, for this project, the Port's RFQ states that if the Design Build Applicant Entity is a design firm, and not a contractor, then the design firm shall hold a LA license to practice professional engineering, since this is primarily an engineering project, not an architectural project.

Any firm performing construction services in the amount of \$50,000 or more are bound by State law to have a construction license in LA. The State law has to be followed regarding the practice of engineering or architecture, i.e., who must have a license in order to take responsibility for design work.

Information on LA engineering licenses is found at www.lapels.com or call the LA licensing board at 225-925-629. For construction contractors, the LA licensing board website is www.lslbc.louisiana.gov or call (225) 765-2301.

Proof of required licenses must be provided prior to award of the contract to the Design-Builder.

Excerpts from the Design-Build Ordinance: Section 4 Definitions

Design-Builder - the entity contractually responsible for delivering the project design and construction that shall be licensed as either a contractor, an architect or an engineer as defined herein. For projects that are primarily architectural, the entity shall be a contractor or an architect. For projects that are primarily engineering, the entity shall be a contractor or an engineer.

Contractor - the entity contractually responsible for delivering the project construction and duly licensed and registered as a general contractor by the State Licensing Board for Contractors as provided for in La. R.S. 37:2150 et seq., and its current rules and regulations.

Engineer - the entity contractually responsible for delivering the project design and duly licensed and registered by the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board as provided for in La. R.S. 37:681 et seq., and its rules and regulations.

Section 5. Rights, Powers and Obligations of Each Design-Builder

Each Design-Builder shall have the following rights and powers:

A. The Design-Builder may subcontract responsibility for professional design services to an individual, firm, or corporation duly licensed in the State of Louisiana to provide professional design services.

B. The Design-Builder may subcontract responsibility for construction or other service requiring a contractor's or trade subcontractor's license to persons or entities duly registered, licensed, or otherwise qualified to provide those services as required by law.

C. The Design-Builder chosen under the process set out below must provide proof of all required licenses prior to the award of the contract.

Letters of Interest

The deadline to send Letters of Interest has now closed. Please note the important dates and messages that are posted on the project webpage. Any firm that sends a letter of interest after November 2, 2009 will not receive a mailed hardcopy of the RFQ nor will be added to the webpage's list of firms that expressed interest. Any firm may download the RFQ and participate in the evaluation process without sending a Letter of Interest.

Request for Qualifications Informational Meeting-see the project webpage for details.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FORMAL QUESTIONS IS 3PM LOCAL TIME ON Friday, November 6, 2009. Please submit questions via email. Additional questions will be answered as part of the informational meeting on November 9.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS and PAST PERFORMANCE QUESTIONNAIRE IS 8AM LOCAL TIME ON Friday, November 13, 2009.