

MAHONING COUNTY CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES AND REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) AND STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Mahoning County Career & Technical Center (“MCCTC”) Board of Education (“Board”), located in Canfield, Mahoning County, Ohio, announces its intent to contract for professional design services for a Proposed Medical/Wellness Center Construction Project (“the Project”) and various other building improvement projects. The main Project is a proposal for a grant and we are seeking to completely design and create all bid documents. The time-line for the potential Project is a completion date of June 1, 2026. This total Project cost has not yet been determined, but it is estimated to be approximately \$5 million. Other projects will be determined on an ongoing basis. Payment schedule for architectural services will be determined based on the award of the grant and firms will be compensated for initial design work for application regardless of grant award.

The Board invites professional design firms interested in providing the professional design services for the Project to submit their qualifications and a Statement of Interest in the Project. Statements of qualifications and proposals will be reviewed and a design professional selected in accordance with Sections 153.65 to 153.71 of the Ohio Revised Code.

There will be an optional question and answer session for interested firms on Friday, March 1st at 10:00 am at the MCCTC, 7300 North Palmyra Road, Canfield, Ohio 44406. Interested parties should park in the lot near the greenhouse and enter through door 3. This meeting is optional but strongly suggested for your benefit.

Purpose and Objective of the Project:

Mahoning County Career & Technical Center is inviting proposals from eligible organizations to partner in addressing critical access needs in the community. This grant aims to foster partnerships that enhance access to healthcare services, workforce development and education resources at our facility for the community members, with a focus on affordability, sustainability, and community engagement.

The primary objectives of this partnership grant are as follows:

To address critical access needs within our communities.

To partner with healthcare providers, urgent care, emergency care, mental health services, counseling, rehabilitation providers and/or other healthcare services to deliver affordable health services to students and the public.

To incorporate workforce partners, preferably local Job and Family Services, libraries, or Ohio Means Jobs centers, to provide career services to students and the general public.

To provide usable meeting and wellness space for community members to perform work search, work readiness, career training, workforce development of the special needs population, or other support services for adults and youth during and outside of school hours.

Benefits:

The proposed Medical/Wellness Center Expansion project offers several benefits:

- *Healthcare Industry Partner Designated Health Center Space:* The center will positively impact the surrounding community by offering access to healthcare services to area residents who may not have easy access to healthcare facilities.
- *Enhanced Learning Experience:* The center will provide an interactive, dynamic learning environment specialized for healthcare education training programs and other career related emergency services.
- *Diverse Skill Development:* Offering a spectrum of programs for classroom training, clinical lab areas, and on the job training opportunities.
- *Community Impact:* By producing in-demand trained healthcare support workers, and training for emergency and quick care services, and mental health wellness, MCCTC addresses the unique health needs of diverse populations within the workforce and community.

Funding Breakdown:

This construction project demands a 5 million budget.

Design and Build:

The project encompasses both design and construction phases for the Medical/Wellness Center. The design phase prioritizes an innovative space conducive to learning and collaboration. The build phase involves creating 2- 2000 square foot specialized labs, 1- 1000 square foot class, and an emergency care area along with space for mental health services to both the current MCCTC and STEM students and staff while also serving the outside public. The space will provide for private providers to offer services. The space will include over 12,000 feet of space that will house 2 adult career technical programs and space for emergency care and wellness services as stated above. The awarded firm must be available to work with MCCTC and be able to give a rendering and initial drawings as part of the first phase for grant submission.

Conclusion:

Amid rapid medical advancements, MCCTC's medical programs and medical center is a strategic investment in education and workforce readiness along with providing a service to our surrounding community. This center will not only provide much needed internship opportunities for our current students, it will also provide on-site health care access for our students and staff along with our community at large.

Qualifications of Design Professional

Include the following:

1. Information about the firm's history including, but not limited to, location of main and satellite offices, length of time in business, annual design service workload for the past five (5) years, and a description of the professional liability insurance policy or policies provided by company or companies that are authorized to do business in Ohio and proof that the professional liability is of sufficient coverage amount(s) for the design services proposed to be rendered;
2. Education, technical training, and experience of owners and key personnel, especially the technical training, education, and experience of the employees within the firm who would be assigned to perform the services;
3. Firm's experience in providing substantially similar services in Ohio (*i.e., design services for public*)

school districts, to construct the Project described);

4. List of consultants used to provide any services not performed by the design firm (services required under this RFQ include: civil engineering, environmental engineering, and land surveying);
5. Familiarity with the MCCTC and its operations.
6. List of facilities that have been designed with current and future trends in the medical field.
7. Firm's past experience with the Board (if applicable);
8. Firm's location and proximity to the site for purposes of attending meetings at the District;
9. Ability of the individuals identified by the firm who will be responsible for providing and coordinating the services of this RFQ with the District.

Additional Information Requested

In addition to the qualifications and information listed above, include the following:

1. Provide specific information about any claims asserted against the firm or its professional liability carrier within the last 5 years, including the resolution of the claim.
2. Provide information about the insurance coverages carried by the firm, including professional liability insurance.
3. The firm's practices with respect to site visits and oversight of the Project.
4. Availability of the firm in terms of whether, given the firm's current workload, it could complete the Project within the time-lines established by the Board for the Project.

Firms interested in being considered should submit one electronic PDF copy of the firm's Statement of Qualifications by email to:

John Zehentbauer, Superintendent
Mahoning County Career & Technical Center
Email: john.zehentbauer@mahoningctc.com

The subject line of the email should clearly read "Qualifications for Architectural and Design Services - Medical/Wellness Project". Statements of Qualifications must be submitted no later than 12:00 noon on March 8, 2024. Statements received after the due date and time will not be considered.

Direct any questions concerning the Project and requested services to Mr. John Zehentbauer, MCCTC Superintendent - email: john.zehentbauer@mahoningctc.com or phone: (330) 729-4001. Firms considering responding to this RFQ are strictly prohibited from communicating with any member of the Board's staff, as all questions should be directed to the person identified.

Cancellation and Rejection

The Board reserves the right to cancel at any time for any reason this solicitation and to reject all qualification statements. The Board shall have no liability to any firm arising out of such cancellation or rejection. The Board reserves the right to waive any informality, irregularity, or failure to conform to instructions.