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SAO consultant list update

The short list has been determined for the pre-qualified consultant list for Engineers and Architects. The report can be found by going to the OAKS Capital Improvements Web site at <http://ci.oaks.ohio.gov> and clicking on Short List Report.

SAO will interview the short-listed firms during the week of Feb. 23 to further explore their proposal and the scope and nature of the services they would provide. Following this evaluation, SAO will rank the firms that it considers most qualified to provide the required services. The number of firms that will be determined as pre-qualified is within the discretion of SAO.

While the qualifications of firms that submitted are very impressive, we have narrowed the field to provide meaningful contracts for those firms that best fit our needs at the present time. Firms who were not selected for interviews are encouraged to submit statements of qualifications on future opportunities with our office, state agencies and state colleges/universities, which are posted on a regular basis to the OAKS Capital Improvements Web site at <http://ci.oaks.ohio.gov>.

SAO utilizes pre-qualified firms from the Consultant List for small projects that can benefit from rapid procurement of professional services. There is no guarantee that any pre-qualified firm will receive work, but the maximum allowable fees an individual pre-qualified A/E firm can receive within a biennium is \$250,000. For all other work, separate Requests for Qualifications (RFQs) will be published and individual QBS processes will be completed on a project-by-project basis. Continue to monitor the OAKS Capital Improvements Web site for those other opportunities.

The pre-qualified consultant list RFQ for energy consulting services was posted on Feb. 4. The constructability review RFQ was posted on Feb. 11.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture excited to complete plant laboratory building

During the past five years, the Ohio Department of Agriculture has successfully constructed several new buildings, completed building additions and improved infrastructure with the assistance of the State Architect's Office. More than \$11 million in construction has been effectively used to modernize the campus facilities.

Recent work on the Agriculture campus includes a bio-level 3 laboratory addition, concrete paving replacement, emergency generator evaluations, selective roof replacement, a campus-wide HVAC study and roof top chiller replacement, energy improvement light replacement, an environmental evaluation for a building to be demolished and a new plant laboratory building.



Construction for the new plant laboratory began in December 2007. Despite starting during the winter season, SAO expects the project to be completed as planned in March.

The 29,779 square-foot building includes two floors of labs and office space along with a partial basement and penthouse for mechanical and electrical equipment. The laboratory spaces include rooms for seed germination, trait testing, molecular biology, microscopy, plant growth chambers and miscellaneous specialized areas. There is a conference room near the main entry expected to serve multiple uses. In addition to state construction dollars funding the project, there is a large component of lab equipment funded from private financing, most of which has been delivered to the job site for installation.

The architect, contractors, owners and SAO participated in a partnering event at the beginning of construction that established a positive relationship for all.

J. Benjamin Lindsay, project manager at Gutknecht, the general contractor for the project, said, "Our project team has been able to form a unique working partnership that enabled the construction for this project to proceed smoothly and without conflict."

Dave Schleich represents the Ohio Department of Agriculture on this project and Nick Cassidy, AIA, and Rita Nichols represent SAO. The building was designed by URS Corporation.

To view some other state construction projects administered by the State Architect's Office, go to the SAO Web site www.ohio.gov/sao and click on "project profiles."

OAKS CI Wave 4 went live

The OAKS CI team deployed six additional business processes Feb. 2, collectively called Wave 4. This deployment supports activities typically performed prior to or during the contracting phase of a construction project.

Wave 4 contained four business processes associated with acquiring construction contractors. The bid planning calendar business process supports project managers and other team members in the planning of bid openings by allowing them to view any conflicts with other planned bid openings throughout the state and to run reports on all upcoming bid openings. The advertisement business process tracks the status of public improvement legal advertisements for competitive bidding by recording the publication source and dates as well as allowing the attachment of scanned copies of the legal advertisement and proof of publication. In addition, OAKS CI released the contract business process for acquiring a contractor and the contract schedule of values which begins the process for billing and payments.

The two additional business processes in Wave 4 included miscellaneous commitments and miscellaneous invoices. The miscellaneous commitments business process provides a means to record miscellaneous project-related commitments including permits, printing, fixed furniture and equipment, percent for art and other commitments not recorded as a part of agreements, amendments, contracts and change orders. The miscellaneous invoices business process provides a means to record miscellaneous expenditures to pay invoices related to miscellaneous commitments.

Wave 4 is the fourth of six releases planned for OAKS CI with full functionality expected at the end of April.

For more information about OAKS CI, go to <http://ci.oaks.ohio.gov> or contact either Steve Mayo at 614.728.4310 or Fred Holcomb at 614.466.0830.



SAO updates Standard Requirements documents

The January 2009 update to the Standard Requirements is now available on the SAO Web site at <http://www.ohio.gov/sao> (click on Standard Requirements).



State of Ohio
Standard Requirements
for Public Facility
Construction

The update included minor changes to the contract forms and revised language regarding the Prevailing Wages in the Instructions to Bidders, General Conditions and Wage Rate Requirements documents to align with policies of the Ohio Department of Commerce. In addition, we added three additional public plan rooms to the Solicitation.

2007 Edition (January 2009)

As done in the past, we revised the date of all Standard Requirements documents in order to maintain consistency. To read the specific changes to the documents, please see the Version Control Document located on the Standard Requirements Web page.

Owners and A/Es are instructed to use the January 2009 Standard Requirements documents on all future projects.

SAO congratulates Amy Kobe, Hon. AIA

The State Architect's Office congratulates Amy Kobe, Hon. AIA, for her recent election to Honorary Membership in the American Institute of Architects (AIA). Amy is the executive director of the Ohio Architects Board and Ohio Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects. She is responsible for overall management of both licensing boards and staff, development of statutes and rules regulating architecture and landscape architecture, and budget development.

Honorary Membership is one of the highest honors that AIA can bestow upon a person outside the profession of architecture. Election to Honorary Membership is to be voted only if the accomplishments of the nominee are truly outstanding and of national significance.

For more information, go to the AIA Web site at <http://www.aia.org> and click on "awards."

Performance evaluation results posted

In July 2008, SAO created a new performance evaluation process to measure performance across 10 important dimensions for delivering management services and 10 related factors for assessing the processes, procedures and standard documents that are used state-wide for public facility construction. Through this 360-degree perspective from our stakeholders, SAO is positioned to leverage this important feedback from our stakeholders for continuous improvement when providing current and future services to our customers.

The results from the first reporting period of fiscal year 2009 are now posted to the SAO Web site at <http://www.ohio.gov/sao> (click on Performance Evaluation). Results will be posted to this Web page every six months.

We request all stakeholders who have recently received services from the State Architect's Office in the areas of project management or energy services, or have recently utilized the established processes and standard contract documents, to complete the SAO performance evaluation located on our Web site.

SAO College 2009

SAO College 2009 is planned for sometime in September and will be held in the central Ohio, Cincinnati and northeast Ohio areas. This year we are planning a one-day seminar only. The exact dates for these seminars have not yet been determined but will be announced in a future issue of SAO eNews.

Sponsored by the State Architect's Office, SAO College began several years ago to educate interested parties about the proper design management and construction management of state projects. More than 200 participants, including state agency and institution representatives, architects, engineers, contractors and construction managers throughout the State of Ohio, attend SAO College annually.

For more information about SAO College, go to the SAO Web site at <http://www.ohio.gov/sao> and click on the site map to obtain the direct link.

Ohio Register archive

At the end of each month, all RFQs published during that month are compiled into one "Ohio Register" document using the next issue number. RFQs will continue to be accessible individually on the "Current RFQs" page of the OAKS Capital Improvements Web site at <http://ci.oaks.ohio.gov> until the response deadline. The archived Ohio Register documents also are available via this site under the title of "Archived RFQs." For more information or questions about this process, please contact Angie Carder at 614.752.0448 or at angie.carder@das.state.oh.us.

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