County of Ingham

Request for Proposals (RFP)
Packet #19-17

Professional Architectural & Engineering (A/E) Services
For Renovating Portions of the Ingham County Health Department

Sealed Proposals Due:
February 9, 2017 at 11:00 A.M.

Sealed Proposals shall be delivered to the:
Ingham County Purchasing Department
121 E. Maple St.
Mason, Michigan 48854

Phone: (517) 676-7222
1.0 PURPOSE

Ingham County solicits proposals from qualified and experienced architectural & engineering (A&E) firms for the purpose of entering into a contract to assist the County in renovating portions of the Ingham County Health Department (ICHD) located in the Human Services Building (HSB) in Lansing, Michigan.

2.0 PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING

A mandatory Pre-proposal Meeting will be held on January 26, 2017, at 10:00 A.M., local time prevailing, in Conference Room D/E of the Human Services Building, located at 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing, Michigan 48911.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow proposers an opportunity to present questions and obtain clarification relative to any facet of this solicitation. Any material changes resulting from this meeting will be issued in a written addendum. Only those vendors attending the meeting will be allowed to submit a proposal.

Send an e-mail to j buckmaster@ingham.org to register for the meeting. Only those vendors attending the meeting will be allowed to submit a proposal. In the subject line of the email reference the packet number and title of this RFP.

3.0 OWNER

County of Ingham
121 E. Maple St.
Mason, Michigan 48854

4.0 BACKGROUND

The ICHD’s mission is to carry out the Ingham County Board of Commissioners’ responsibilities to protect and promote the health of Ingham County residents. This is accomplished through programs to prevent and control communicable diseases, programs to protect citizens from environmental hazards and several efforts and programs to link county residents to an organized system of health care. The ICHD also conducts research to document the health status and health problems of the community and works with the community to develop strategies to improve health and well-being.

The ICHD’s Ingham Community Health Centers (ICHC) have consolidated services over the recent 12 months and received a HRSA grant for Patient Centered Medical Home related renovation services within the Human Services Building.
5.0 GOALS OF RENOVATION

In 2015, Ingham County contracted with Hobbs and Black to design and engineer a large scale renovation of the portion of the Human Services Building occupied by the Health Department (roughly about 45,000 sq. feet). This renovation design was completed, but the renovations were not implemented. This project is smaller in scope and size (see attachment A) compared to the previous design completed by Hobbs and Black in 2015.

Major components of the project are:

1. Create a single shared waiting room as designed for the original project.
2. Create a centralized patient registration area for most Health Department Services in the current Registration and Enrollment area.
3. Minimal modification to adjacent / disturbed areas to return them to full function.
4. Update all paint finishes within the project area matching selected palate.

6.0 SALIENT BUILDING INFORMATION

- Property Name: Human Service Building
- Location: 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing, MI 48911
- Property Type: Office
- Number of Buildings: 1
- Number of Stories: 2
- Gross Building Area: 200,000 SF
- Proposed Gross Building Renovation Area: approximately 6,250 SF
- Year Built: 1984
- Building Condition: Good
- Renovated: 1997-1999
- Floor Plans/Blueprints: Available as needed.

7.0 TIMELINE

The following timeline should be viewed as tentative in nature:

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4. Issue Addendum, if needed  February 3, 2017  
5. Proposals due  February 9, 2017  
6. Commence review and award recommendation  February 10, 2017  
7. BOC approves  February 28, 2017  
8. Contract preparations  February 29, 2017  
9. Work commences upon an executed agreement  March 13, 2017  

8.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

8.1 Overview

Services under this contract include, but are not limited to, architectural, structural, mechanical, and electrical.

The successful A/E firm (Contractor) will be responsible for working directly with the Health Department and Facilities Department staff to evaluate the current conditions of and make recommendations for the facility. Work will meet all state, local and federal guidelines and standards. The Contractor will furnish all expertise, labor and resources for complete design and engineering services for the project in accordance with the requirements of this RFP and subsequent contract.

8.2 Phased Approach

The scope of services shall consist of two phases: Phase I – Preliminary Evaluation and Design services and Phase II – Construction Administration services.

8.3 Phase I - Programming & Schematic Design Services

The Contractor shall:

1. **Programming** - Meet with staff to discuss the proposed project, program requirements, goals and desired outcomes.

2. **Schematic Design** – Validate the supplied conceptual schematic design of the facility as supplied. Deliverables include a site plan, floor plan(s), sections, an elevation, and other illustrative materials and computer images and renderings.

3. Develop a preliminary construction budget for the renovated facility. All project costs including A&E Services are limited to $250,000 as this is the grant maximum.

4. Submit to the County three (3) complete sets of the schematic plan and drawings and a preliminary constructive budget for review and approval.
5. Attend future Board of Commissioners meetings and make presentations if needed (anticipated being one).

8.4 Phase II – Construction Administration Services

The Contractor will, at a minimum:

1. Meet with County staff to review the final drawings and details.

2. Design and prepare all final plans and drawings.

3. Provide the County with three (3) original drawings for reproduction by the County.

4. Provide technical specifications for incorporation into the bid documents for the engineering provided.

5. Provide a list of possible contractors for site elements.

6. Provide all bid documents, including a Project Manual, and assist in the review, evaluation, and recommendation for award of bids. The Ingham County Purchasing Department will assist in administering the bidding process.

7. Attend one (1) Pre-bid Meeting. Be able to discuss project and answer questions.

8. Address all field conditions and questions. Prepare addendum materials if needed, and coordinate with the Purchasing Department on distribution.

9. Work with the County Attorney to prepare AIA construction documents as needed.

10. Oversee and coordinate the renovations of the project.

11. Attend one (1) Pre-Construction meeting.

12. Visit each site at least weekly during construction to ensure that the work is being performed in accordance with the contract documents. Report any problems or concerns to the County.

13. Attend Progress Meetings during the duration of this project.

14. Review and approve all Change Orders, Pay Applications, and Monthly Progress Payments to the general contractor; if needed, negotiate in good faith on behalf of the County.
15. Visit site at completion and develop a Punch List Resolution and all other documents needed for contract closeout. Ensure all Punch List items are completed.

16. Provide to the County close out documents including manuals with warranty, operating instructions, if applicable, and other pertinent information. Close out documents include electronic copies (pdf and CAD) of all final drawings.

9.0 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

9.1 Registering as a Vendor with Ingham County

Proposers who have not registered their company with the County should do so by visiting https://apps.ingham.org/vendorreg/ or by calling the Purchasing Department at (517) 676-7222 for assistance.

Vendors registering to provide goods and services to Ingham County under contract shall certify to their knowledge of the County's Equal Opportunity Employment/Nondiscrimination Policy, and of their agreement to comply, and shall disclose any conclusive findings of violations of Federal, State, or local equal opportunity statutes, ordinances, rules/regulations, or policies within the past three (3) years.

9.2 Pre-opening Inquires and Response

Any explanation desired by a proposer regarding the meaning or interpretation of this RFP and attachments must be requested to the Ingham County Purchasing Department, attention James C. Hudgins, Jr. at jhudgins@ingham.org no later than 3:00 P.M. on February 2, 2017. In the subject line of the email reference the packet number and title of this RFP. In the subject line of the email reference the packet number and title of this RFP.

9.3 Due Date, Time & Location

Proposals will be received no later than 11:00 A.M., local time prevailing, on February 9, 2017, at which time they will be opened in public and read aloud in the:

Ingham County Purchasing Department
Attention: James C. Hudgins, Jr., Director of Purchasing
121 E. Maple St., Room 203
Mason, Michigan 48854

Proposals received at other locations or delivered after the due date and time will not be accepted and will be returned to the proposer.
9.4 Submission of Proposals

Proposers are required to submit an original (clearly marked) along with two (2) bound copies by the date, time, and place designated above. Proposals must be submitted in a sealed, opaque envelope or package and clearly marked on the outside “Packet #19-17 Renovating Portions of the Ingham County Health Department”. Be sure to include the name of your firm on the outside of the envelope or package.

Proposers are also encouraged to submit an electronic version of their proposal to packetresponse@ingham.org by the due date and time set above. The electronic submittal must contain “Your Company Name/Packet #19-17/Renovating Portions of the Ingham County Health Department” in the subject line. If you have trouble emailing the electronic version please contact Julie Buckmaster (jbuckmaster@ingham.org) to upload your proposal.

Proposers shall complete and include with their submittals the following enclosed items:

✓ Pricing Form
✓ Local Purchasing Preference Form
✓ Addenda Form
✓ Legal Status of Bidder Form
✓ Non-Collusion Form
✓ Signature Form
✓ Standards of Conduct for Ingham County Vendors Form (2 pages)
✓ Certificate Of Compliance With Public Act 517 Of 2012 Form
✓ The Statistical Questionnaire is strictly optional.

9.5 Timely Submittals

Time is of the essence and any proposal or addenda pertaining thereto received after the announced time and date for submittal, whether by mail or otherwise, will be rejected. It is the sole responsibility of the proposers for ensuring that their proposals are time stamped by the Purchasing Department. Proposals and/or any addenda pertaining thereto received after the announced time and date of receipt, by mail or otherwise, will be returned to the proposer. However, nothing in this RFP precludes the County from requesting additional information at any time during the procurement process.

9.6 Deliveries

Should you decide to utilize an express delivery service, please note that we are located near the intersection of Maple and Jefferson Streets.

9.7 Preparation of Proposal
All proposals must be made on the required forms prepared and executed fully and properly. Proposed prices shall be based on the selected proposer furnishing all labor, supervision, administration, design, incidentals, bonds, insurance, and any other services required to complete the work in strict accordance with this RFP. All fees and costs must be disclosed in the proposal.

9.8 Proposal Process

Proposals, which do not completely address all the solicitation requirements, will be considered non-responsive and may be excluded from consideration. Any exceptions shall be duly noted in the submittal.

9.9 Authority toBind Firm in Contract

Proposer shall provide the full legal firm name and address. Any proposal that has not been manually signed will be deemed non-responsive and excluded from consideration. Firm name and authorized signature must appear in the space provided on the enclosed Signature Sheet.

9.10 No Submittal

If you desire not to respond to this RFP, please forward your acknowledgment of “NO PROPOSAL SUBMITTED” via an email to jhudgins@ingham.org. Please also state the reason for not submitting a proposal. Failure to comply will be cause for removal of your company's name from the vendor list for subject commodity. In the subject line of the email reference the packet number and title of this RFP.

9.11 Special Accommodations

If you are an individual with a disability and require a reasonable accommodation, please notify the Purchasing Department at (517) 676-7222, three (3) working days prior to need.

10.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

10.1 Conflict of Interest

By submitting a proposal, the Proposer certifies that he/she has no business, professional, personal, or other interest, including, but not limited to, the representation of other clients, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its obligations under any subsequent agreement with respect to this RFP. If at any time during the bidding process or subsequent contractual period, an actual or potential conflict of interest arises, the Proposer/Contractor shall immediately disclose in writing the conflict of interest to the County. The County reserves the right to immediately terminate in writing to the Contractor any subsequent agreement where, in the reasonable judgment of the County, such conflict poses a
material conflict to the performance of the Contractor's obligations under the agreement; such termination of the agreement shall be effective upon the receipt of such notice by the Contractor.

10.2 Local Purchasing Preference Policy

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners (BOC) believes that its purchasing policies should encourage local vendors to provide goods and/or services to Ingham County government, resulting in increased economic activity through more local jobs, tax revenues, and expenditures, and to entice business relocations to the County. As such, in 2010, the BOC amended its purchasing policies to include a ten percent (10%) purchasing preference to qualified and registered local vendors who respond to solicitations for the purchase of goods and/or services.

In Ingham County, a local vendor is defined as a vendor that operates a business within the legally defined boundaries of Ingham County. To be considered a local vendor, the vendor must provide a verifiable business address (not a PO Box) on the enclosed Local Purchasing Preference Sheet at which business is being conducted. The vendor must also agree to comply with all other policies and requirements of the County. More information about the Local Purchasing Preference Policy can be found at http://pu.ingham.org.

10.3 Advice of Omission or Misstatement

In the event it is evident to a proposer responding to this RFP that the County has omitted or misstated a material requirement to this RFP and/or the services required by this RFP, the responding vendor shall advise Mr. James C. Hudgins, Jr., Director of Purchasing, at jhudgins@ingham.org of such omission or misstatement.

10.4 Notification of Withdrawal of Proposal

Proposals may be withdrawn from consideration prior to the date and time specified for proposal submission with a formal written notice by an authorized representative of the proposer. No proposer may withdraw a proposal after the opening for a minimum period of 90 days.

10.5 Rights to Pertinent Materials

All responses, inquiries, and correspondence relating to this RFP and all reports, charts, displays, schedules, exhibits and other documentation produced by the proposers that are submitted as part of the proposal shall become the property of the County after the proposal submission deadline.

10.6 Firm Pricing for County Acceptance

The proposal price must be firm for County acceptance for ninety (90) days from the proposal opening date, unless the proposer specifically notes otherwise.
10.7 Cost of Preparation

The County will not pay any costs incurred in the proposal preparation, printing or demonstration process. All costs shall be borne by the proposers.

10.8 Standard Forms

Any preprinted contract forms the vendor proposes to include as part of the contract resulting from this solicitation must be submitted as part of the proposal. Any standard contract provisions not submitted as part of the proposal and subsequently presented for inclusion may be rejected. The County reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or in part any form contract submitted by a proposer and/or to require that amendments be made thereto, or that an agreement drafted by the County be utilized.

10.9 Addendum

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFP or if additional data is necessary to enable an exact interpretation of provisions of this RFP, an addendum will be issued to all vendors known to have received a proposal. It is the responsibility of the proposer to ensure that he/she has received and signed all addendums prior to submitting a proposal. No oral explanation or instruction of any kind or nature whatsoever given before the award of a contract to a proposer shall be binding.

10.10 Workplace Diversity

Ingham County encourages, but in no way requires, its vendors to develop and maintain a diverse workforce that is reflective of the population of Ingham County. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the statistics of Ingham County's population in 2010 was comprised of the following:

a) White persons – 76.2%
b) Black or African American persons – 11.8%
c) American Indian and Alaska Native persons - 0.6%
d) Asian persons – 5.2%
e) Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander - 0.1%
f) Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin – 7.3%

Ingham County tracks vendor diversity information for statistical purposes with companies with which it does business. Reporting of this information to the County is optional and not all companies participate. Statistical information regarding workplace diversity is submitted to the County in a separate sealed envelope containing the notation “STATISTICAL INFORMATION- NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL AFTER THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.” Upon receipt of these separate sealed envelopes, the Purchasing Department segregates the envelopes from the other proposal documentation. The envelopes containing the statistical information are not
10.11 Prime Contractor Responsibilities

The Contractor will be required to assume responsibility for all services offered in the proposal whether or not they possess them within their organization. Furthermore, Ingham County will consider the selected Contractor to be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the contract.

10.12 Independent Price Determination (Non-Collusion)

By submission of a proposal, the proposer certifies, and in the case of a joint proposal each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, that in connection with this proposal:

- The prices of the proposal have been arrived at independently without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition, as to any matter relating to such prices with any other offer or with any competitor;
- Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been quoted in the proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the offeror and will not be knowingly disclosed by the offeror to any competitor;
- No attempt has been made or will be made by the offeror to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a proposal for the purpose of restricting competition; and,
- The price quoted is not higher than that given to the general public for the same service.

10.13 Exceptions

Proposers must submit a listing of any and all exceptions to this RFP. Suggested substitutions, printed forms, sample contracts etc. may be provided with the listed exceptions.

11.0 CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

11.1 Nondiscrimination Clause

The Proposer who is selected as the Contractor, as required by law, and/or the Equal Opportunity Employment and Non-Discrimination Policy of Ingham County, shall not discriminate against an employee or applicant for employment with respect to hire, tenure, terms, conditions or privilege of employment, or a matter directly or indirectly related to employment because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability, height, weight, marital status, age or political affiliation (except where age, sex or lack of disability constitutes a
bona fide occupational qualification.)

The Contractor shall adhere to all applicable Federal, State and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations prohibiting discrimination, including, but not limited to, the following:


Breach of this section shall be regarded as a material breach of the agreement.

Proposers shall disclose with their proposals any conclusive findings of violations of federal, state, or local equal opportunity statues, ordinances, rules, regulations, or policies within the past three (3) years.

11.2 Indemnification and Hold Harmless

The Proposer who is selected as the Contractor shall, at its own expense, protect, defend, indemnify, save and hold harmless the County of Ingham and its elected and appointed officers, employees, servants and agents from all claims, damages, lawsuits, costs and expenses including, but not limited to, all costs from administrative proceedings, court costs and attorney fees that the County of Ingham and its elected and appointed officers, employees, servants and agents may incur as a result of the acts, omissions or negligence of the Contractor or its employees, servants, agents or Subcontractors that may arise out of the agreement.

The Contractor’s indemnification responsibility under this section shall include the sum of damages, costs and expenses which are in excess of the sum of damages, costs and expenses which are paid out in behalf of or reimbursed to the County, its officers, employees, servants and agents by the insurance coverage obtained and/or maintained by the Contractor.

11.3 Contractor Insurance Requirements

The Contractor, and any and all of his/her subcontractors, shall not commence work under this contract until he/she has obtained the insurance required under this paragraph and any subsequent contract. All coverage’s shall be with insurance companies licensed and admitted to do business in the State of Michigan. All coverage’s shall be with insurance carriers acceptable to the County of Ingham and rated A+ (Superior) or A or A- (Excellent) by the A.M. Best Company (www.ambest.com).

a) Worker's Compensation Insurance: The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the
life of this contract, Workers’ Compensation Insurance, including Employers Liability Coverage, in accordance with all applicable Statutes of the State of Michigan.

b) **Commercial General Liability Insurance:** The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this contract, Commercial General Liability Insurance on an “Occurrence Basis” with limits of liability not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence and/or aggregate combined single limit for Personal Injury, Bodily Injury and Property Damage. Coverage shall include the following extensions: (A) Contractual Liability; (B) Products and Completed Operations; (C) Independent Contractors Coverage; (D) Broad Form General Liability Extensions or equivalent, if not already included; (E) Deletion of all Explosion, Collapse, and Underground (XCU) Exclusions, if applicable; (F) Per contract aggregate.

c) **Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance:** The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this contract, Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance, including applicable No-Fault coverage’s, with limits of liability of not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage. Coverage shall include all owned vehicles, all non-owned vehicles and all hired vehicles.

d) **Professional Liability/Errors and Omissions Insurance:** The Contractor shall procure and maintain during the life of this contract, Professional Liability insurance in an amount not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate. If this policy is Claims Made Form, then the Contractor shall be required to keep the policy in force, or purchase “tail” coverage, for a minimum of three (3) years after the termination of this contract.

e) **Additional Insured:** Commercial General Liability and Vehicle Liability, as described above, shall include an endorsement stating the following shall be “Additional Insured’s: The County of Ingham, including all elected and appointed officials, all employees and volunteers, all boards, commissions and/or authorities and their board members, including employees, and volunteers thereof.

The coverage shall be primary to the Additional Insured’s, and not contributing with any other insurance or similar protection available to the Additional Insured’s, whether other available coverage is primary, contributing or excess.”

f) **Cancellation Notice:** All insurances described above shall include an endorsement stating the following: “It is understood and agreed that thirty (30) days advanced written notice of cancellation, non-renewal, reduction and/or material change shall be sent to: Ingham County Purchasing Department, P.O. Box 319, Mason, Michigan 48854.”

g) **Proof of Insurance:** The Contractor shall provide the County of Ingham at the time the contracts are returned by him/her for execution, two (2) copies of the aforementioned Certificates of Insurance and/ Policies, acceptable to the County. If so requested, certified
copies of all policies will be furnished. The Contractor shall provide the County evidence that all subcontractors are included under the contractor’s policy.

If any of the above coverage’s expires during the term of this contract, the Contractor shall deliver renewal certificates and/or policies to the County of Ingham at least ten (10) days prior to the expiration date.

11.4 Applicable Law and Venue

Any agreement resulting from this RFP shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Michigan. The County and Contractor agree that the venue for any legal action under this agreement shall be the County of Ingham, State of Michigan. In the event that any action is brought under any agreement resulting from the RFP in Federal Court, the venue for such action shall be the Federal Judicial District of Michigan, Western District - Southern Division.

11.5 Compliance with the Law

Contractor shall render the services to be provided pursuant to this agreement in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

11.6 Living Wage Requirement

Ingham County policy requires vendors contracting with the County primarily to perform services to pay their employees a living wage if the following two (2) conditions apply:

a) The total expenditure of the contract or the total value of all contracts the vendor has with the County exceeds $50,000 in a twelve-month calendar; and,

b) The vendor employs five (5) or more employees.

In Ingham County, living wage is defined as an hourly wage rate which is equivalent to 125% of the federal poverty level for a family of four. For 2016, the living wage was $15.19 per hour and is subject to change annually. Twenty percent (20%) of the living wage costs paid by the employer can be for an employee's health care benefits. This wage rate applies to part and full-time employees who work on County contracts. See http://pu.ingham.org for more information.

11.7 Invoicing

The Contractor shall submit to the County on or before the tenth (10th) day of each month a bill for services rendered during the preceding month. Each bill shall be in such form and contain such information as the County shall require. Said invoice shall be completely itemized including full details of all services provided. A Contractor may not submit an invoice for less than two weeks of work during any monthly period, unless requested to do so by the County and/or its agents. The Ingham County Facilities Director must approve all invoices prior to payment.
11.8 Assignments

The Contractor shall not assign the award of the Contract or any payment without the prior written approval of Ingham County.

11.9 Compliance with Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPPA) of 1996

To the extent the Contractor has access to health information of participants in the Ingham County Health Department that is protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), Public Law 104-191, as amended. Contractor shall comply with all applicable requirements of HIPAA and the rules and regulations which are promulgated pursuant thereto, 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, as amended. Access shall be limited to the minimum necessary to provide the applicable service. Breach of this section shall be a material breach of contract.

11.10 Independent Contractor

The Proposer who is selected as the Contractor shall be an independent Contractor. The employees, servants and agents of the Contractor shall not be deemed to be and shall not hold themselves out as employees, servants, or agents of the County and shall not be entitled to any fringe benefits received by the County’s personnel, such as, but not limited to, health and accident insurance, life insurance, longevity or paid sick or vacation leave.

The Contractor shall be responsible for paying all compensation to its personnel for services they have performed under this Contract and for withholding and payment of all applicable taxes to the proper Federal, State and local governments.

12.0 EVALUATION, AWARD & TIMELINE

12.1 Proposal Evaluation Overview

Proposals will be examined by an Evaluation Committee to eliminate those, which are clearly non-responsive to stated requirements. Proposers should exercise particular care in reviewing Section 14.0 - Response Format. The detailed evaluation may result in one or more finalists. At this point, presentations may be requested of the proposers and negotiation will be carried out to finalize the award of the project. Finalists shall be afforded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submissions and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers.

Any response that takes exception to any mandatory items in this proposal process may be rejected and not considered.
12.2 Evaluation Methodology

Proposals will be evaluated using the criteria detailed below (not necessarily in any order of importance or limited to):

1. The proposer adheres to the instructions in this RFP on preparing and submitting the proposal.
2. The proposer’s expertise regarding past experience and performance on comparable engagements.
3. The qualifications of the proposer’s professional personnel to be assigned to the engagement and the quality of the proposer’s management support personnel to be available for consultation.
4. Cost of the proposal.
5. Locality.
6. Other criteria as deemed prudent by the County.

12.3 Award of Contract

Award shall be made to the most responsible and responsive proposer whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the County provided that the proposal has been submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the RFP and does not exceed the budgeted funds available.

12.4 Basis for Award

Information and/or factors gathered during interviews, negotiations and any reference checks, in addition to the evaluation methodology stated in the RFP and any other information or factors deemed relevant by the County shall be utilized in the final award.

12.5 Right of Rejection

The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informalities or irregularities in proposals, and/or to negotiate separately the terms and conditions of all or any part of the proposals as determined to be in the County’s best interests at its sole discretion even though not the lowest cost.

12.6 Contract Type

An American Institute of Architects (AIA) document will be used as the foundation for this contract. The contract is for this project only, and is not “open-ended”.

Ingham County Purchasing Department
12.7 Contract Approval

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners and other boards and committees must approve the contract resulting from this solicitation. This process typically takes 2-4 weeks from the date the successful proposer is identified.

12.8 Contract Development & Preparations

1. Ingham County reserves the right to negotiate further with one or more responsible and responsive proposers. The content of the RFP and the successful proposer’s proposal will become an integral part of the contract, but may be modified by the provisions of the contract.

2. By submission of proposals pursuant to this RFP, proposers acknowledge that they are amenable to the inclusion in a contract of any information provided either in response to this RFP or subsequently during the selection process. A proposal in response to an RFP is an offer to contract with the County based upon the terms, conditions, scope of work and specifications contained in this RFP. The County retains the right not to make any subsequent award.

3. Furthermore, all proposers, by submitting proposals, agree that they have read, are familiar with all the terms and conditions of the different documents and will abide by the terms and conditions thereof. The County has the right to use, as it determines to be appropriate and necessary, any information, documents, and anything else developed pursuant to the RFP and the proposal.

4. The County will prepare a formal contract, if one is awarded, specific to this solicitation for execution by the successful proposer. This process typically takes 2-3 weeks from the date the Board has approved the contract.

5. The County reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or in part any form contract submitted by a proposer and/or to require that amendments be made thereto, or that an agreement drafted by the County be utilized.

6. The successful proposal shall be incorporated into a resulting contract and shall be a matter of public record subject to the provisions of Michigan law.

12.9 Notification of Award

Upon acceptance by the County, and approval by the Board of Commissioners, the successful proposer will be notified of award in writing by e-mail. Recommendations for awards will be
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posted on the County's website at http://pu.ingham.org. All proposers will be notified by e-mail of the County’s decision.

12.10 **Contract Execution**

*The successful proposer shall commence work only after the transmittal of a fully executed contract and after receiving written notification to proceed from the County.* A valid and enforceable contract exists when an agreement is fully executed between the parties.

The successful proposer will perform all the services indicated in the RFP and in the negotiated contract. The successful proposer shall within ten (10) days of commencement of work under contract furnish the required insurance. Bonds, if required, shall also be submitted at this time.

12.11 **Escalation Clause**

- The Ingham County Board of Commissioners (Board) recognizes the current difficult economic conditions and the subsequent minimal cost of living increases for County employees. As such, Contractors should fully understand that proposed contracts with cost increases greater than 1% will receive extra scrutiny from the Board and may be rejected and rebid.

- Price adjustments may be requested pursuant to the terms of the contract; however, the Contractor must notify the County within ninety (90) days prior to the current term’s expiration date.

- Prior to commencement of subsequent renewal terms, the County may entertain a request for escalation in accordance with the current Consumer Price Index (CPI) at the time of the request or up to a maximum 1% increase on the current pricing, whichever is lower. For purposes of this section, “Consumer Price Index” shall mean the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers-United Stated Average-All Items (CPI-U), as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

- The County reserves the right to accept or reject the request for a price increase. If the price increase is approved, the price will remain firm for one (1) year from the date of the increase or whatever term was previously authorized by the Board.

13.0 **PRICES**

Prices quoted must remain firm for the period covered by this contract, unless price escalation is herein specified. Prices quoted shall be inclusive of all costs involved with the services contained in this RFP.
14.0 RESPONSE FORMAT

The items listed below shall be submitted with each proposal and shall be submitted in the order shown. Each section should be clearly labeled with pages numbered and separated by tabs. Include a title page and table of contents. Failure by a proposer to include all listed items may result in the rejection of its proposal.

Tab I – Transmittal Letter

Provide a transmittal letter indicating your firm's understanding of the requirements of this specific job proposal. The letter must be a brief formal letter (1-2 pages) that provides information regarding the firm's interest in and ability to perform the requirements of this RFP. A person who is authorized to commit the firm’s organization to perform the work included in the proposal must sign the letter in ink.

Tab II – Company Profile

Provide a company profile describing firm and include all of the following:

1. The official name of firm;

2. Firm’s organizational structure (e.g. corporation, partnership, Limited Liability Company, etc.);

3. The jurisdiction in which firm is organized and the date of such organization;

4. The address of firm’s headquarters, any local office involved with the contract; and the address/location where the actual production of goods and/or services will be performed;

5. Firm’s Federal Tax Identification Number;

6. The name, address, telephone, fax numbers and e-mail address of the person(s) who will serve as the contact(s) to the County, with regards to the RFP response, and with authorization to make representations on behalf of and to bind firm; and,

7. A representation that the firm is in good standing in the state in which its located and will have all necessary licenses, permits, certifications, approvals and authorizations necessary in order to perform all of its obligations in connection with this RFP.
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Tab III – Executive Summary
Provide a synopsis of the highlights of the proposal and overall benefits of the proposal to the County. This synopsis should not exceed two (2) pages in length and should be easily understood.

Tab IV – Project Team Qualifications and Experiences
Responses shall include a complete list of and resumes for all key personnel associated with the RFP. This list must include all key personnel who will provide services/training to County staff and all key personnel who will provide maintenance and support services.

For each person on the list, the following information shall be included:

1. The person’s relationship with firm, including job title and years of employment with firm;
2. The role that the person will play in connection with the RFP;
3. Address, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail address;
4. The person’s educational background;
5. The person’s relevant experience; and,
6. Relevant awards, certificates or other achievements.

This section of the response should include no more than two pages of information for each listed person.

Tab V – References
Provide a list of three (3) current and three (3) former clients. References must be satisfactory as deemed solely by the County. References should have similar scope, volume and requirements to those outlined in this scope of work, terms and conditions.

Reference information shall include:

- Project name
- Project description and scope of services provided
- Agency/department/office for which performed
- Contact name and phone number
- Dollar value of the A/E contract
- Dollar value of the construction budget
- Dates of commencement and completion
- Indicate if project was completed on time and within budget
The County reserves the right to contact any of the references provided in order to determine Bidder’s performance record on work similar to that described in this request. The County reserves the right to contact references other than those provided in the response and to use the information gained from them in the evaluation process.

Tab VI – Project Schedule

Use this section to include a general project schedule. This information should be presented so that the Evaluation Committee can see how activities relate to each other as far as timing goes and also how long the project is expected to take from contract execution to delivery of the final product.

- Include a general schedule of completion for the project, including major tasks and sub-tasks to be accomplished.
- Indicate any concerns with respect to the timeline.

Tab VII – Proposed Costs

The A/E’s fee shall cover all services necessary for the successful execution of the project.

- For each phase provide your fee expressed as a fixed fee plus normal reimbursable expenses (list reimbursable expenses and a projected not-to-exceed cost for each expense.) Use only the attached Form.
- Include the number of anticipated meetings during the design and construction processes.

The County shall not be responsible for the reimbursement of any costs not specifically set forth in the firm’s proposal. In addition, the County shall reserve the right to accept any part of the proposer’s entire fee schedule and to negotiate any charges contained therein, unless otherwise qualified by the proposer.

Tab VIII – Identification of Anticipated and/or, Potential Project Problems

Use this section to identify and describe any anticipated and/or potential project problems, the firm’s approach to resolving these problems, and any special assistance that will be requested from the County.

Tab IX – Acceptance of Conditions

Provide a definitive statement of intent to comply with the Contractual Terms and Conditions as delineated in this RFP. If proposed terms and conditions are not acceptable as described, note and explain any exceptions; however, failure to agree to the terms required by law or County purchasing and contractual requirements may be grounds for disqualification of the proposal.
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Tab X – Forms

Use this section to include the following required forms:

✓ Local Purchasing Preference Form
✓ Addenda Form
✓ Legal Status of Bidder Form
✓ Non-Collusion Form
✓ Signature Form
✓ Standards of Conduct for Ingham County Vendors Form (2 pages)
✓ Certificate of Compliance With Public Act 517 of 2012 Form
✓ The Statistical Questionnaire Form is strictly optional.

Proposers shall also submit a current copy of their insurance certificate, and if applicable, State of Michigan business license.

TAB XI – Litigation

Proposers must identify and describe any current, pending or threatened litigation against them related to their business.

Tab XII – Appendices

The content of this tab is left to the proposer's discretion. However, the proposer should limit materials included here to those that will be helpful to the Evaluation Committee in understanding the services and goods to be provided for this specific contract.
The proposer is responsible for making sure all costs are included that meets the needs of Ingham County. **USE THIS FORM ONLY TO QUOTE YOUR PRICES.**

### Phase I – Preliminary Design Services Cost

$__________________  

Reimbursable Expenses (list):

1.__________________________________  $__________________  
2.__________________________________  $__________________  
3.__________________________________  $__________________

**Total Not-to-Exceed Phase I Cost**

$__________________  

### Phase II – Construction Services Cost

$__________________  

Reimbursable Expenses (list):

1.__________________________________  $__________________  
2.__________________________________  $__________________  
3.__________________________________  $__________________

**Total Not-to-Exceed Phase II Cost**

$__________________  

**Grand Total**

$__________________
LOCAL PURCHASING PREFERENCE FORM
(Please type or print clearly in ink only)

1. Do you desire to have your company considered a “local vendor” and therefore have your bid evaluated with the 10% local purchasing preference?
   ___ Yes ___ No

   If yes, please provide below the verifiable business address (not a PO Box) at which your business is being conducted.

2. Complete Legal Firm Name:

3. Company Address:

4. Company Phone: (_____)____________________ Email: ______________________

5. Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of your company:

6. Signature/date:

   ____________________________________________________________

   ____________________________________________________________

Note: Local vendors who utilize non-local vendors as subcontractors for more than 50% of the work in a specific proposal are not entitled to the preference for that specific proposal.
ADDENDA FORM
(Please Type or Print Clearly in Ink)

The following addenda have been received and acknowledged:

#1 date____________ #2 date____________ #3 date____________

SIGNED THIS _________________________DAY OF _______________________, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,

BY: ____________________________________________
   Authorized Signature of Bidder

TITLE: ____________________________________________
LEGAL STATUS OF BIDDER FORM  
(Please Type or Print Clearly in Ink)

(The Bidder shall check and fill out the appropriate form.)

( ) Corporation

( ) Partnership

( ) Individual

( ) Limited Liability Company (LLC), __________

___________________________________
Name

___________________________________
Title

___________________________________
Address

___________________________________
Phone #

___________________________________
Email

___________________________________
Fax #

___________________________________
Federal Tax I.D. Number
NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT FORM

Please Type or Print Clearly in Ink)

State of ______________________, County of __________________________________
____________________________________, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

(Name)
(1) He/she is the ____________________________, of ______________ ___________________
    (Title)                        (Company Name)
(2) He/she is fully informed respecting preparation and content of the attached Bid and of all
    pertinent circumstances respecting such Bid;
(3) Such Bid is genuine and not a collusive or sham bid;

(4) Neither the Bidder nor any of its officers, partners, owners, agents, representatives, employees, or parties in
    interest, including this affiant, has any way colluded, conspired, connived, or agreed directly or indirectly, with any
    other Bidder, firm, or person to submit a collusive or sham Bid in connection with the Contract for which the
    attached Bid has been submitted or to refrain from bidding in connection with such Contract, or has in any manner,
    directly or indirectly, sought by agreement or collusion or communication or conference with any other Bidder, firm,
    or person to fix the price or prices in the attached Bid or of any other Bidder, or to fix any overhead, profit, or cost
    element of the bid price of any other Bidder, or to secure through any collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful
    agreement any advantage against the County or any person interested in the proposed Contract;

(5) The price or prices quoted in the attached Bid are fair and proper and are not tainted by any
    other collusion, conspiracy, connivance, or unlawful agreement on the part of the Bidder or any of its agents,
    representatives, owners, employees, or parties in interest, including this affiant.

_______________________________________                        __________
(Signature)                                                                 (Title)
SIGNATURE FORM
(Please type or print clearly in ink only)

My signature certifies that the bid as submitted complies with all terms and conditions as set forth in this solicitation, except as noted herein. My signature also certifies that the accompanying bid is not the result of, or affected by, any unlawful act of collusion with another person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce.

I hereby certify that I am authorized to sign as a representative for the firm:

Complete Legal Name of Firm:
________________________________________________________________________

Order from Address:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Remit to Address:
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Fed ID No.:
________________________________________________________________________

Signature:
________________________________________________________________________

Name (type/print):
________________________________________________________________________

Title: ________________________________________________________________________

Telephone: (____) ___________________ Fax No.: (____) _______________________

Date: _____________________________________

Notification of Award Sent to: ________________________________________________

E-mail of Person Receiving Award Notification:
________________________________________________________________________
STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR INGHAM COUNTY VENDORS FORM (2 pages)
(Please type or print clearly in ink only)

The County of Ingham conducts business with businesses, vendors and contractors under a set of rules to ensure that all County officials and employees discharge their duties in a manner designed to promote public trust and confidence in our County. The County wants you to be aware of the rules that you and its employees are required to follow. A violation of state or federal statutes may occur if these rules are broken. It is hoped that by providing these rules for you, your experience in dealing with the County will be both rewarding and satisfactory.

Providing Gifts or Gratuities:
Providing gifts or gratuities to employees in consideration for the performance of their duties, or as an appreciation for their performance, is strictly prohibited.

- Do not offer employees any gifts or loans.
- Employees may not receive any fee or compensation for their services from any source other than the County, so do not offer them.
- Buying meals for employees is only permissible during a working lunch or dinner where business is discussed and you are a current contractor (no alcohol). Employees may accept coffee, tea, soft drinks, snacks, etc. when attending meetings in your office.
- Letters to supervisors recognizing exceptional service by County employees are always welcome.

Conflicts of Interest:

- Do not ask employees for any special favor or consideration that is not available to every other citizen.
- Do not ask employees to disclose any information that is not available to every other citizen through normal public information channels unless necessary for the business you are hired for.
- Do not offer to compensate employees by offering to hire, or to do business with any business entity of the employees or their immediate family members.
- Do not ask employees to represent you or your company other than as part of their official duties with the County.
- Do not ask employees to endorse the products or services of your company.
- Do not ask employees to hand out or post advertising materials.

Vendor shall report if the following occurs:

Solicitation by County Employees:
Employees may not solicit gifts, loans, or any other items of value from people doing County business that will be used by them personally.

- If you are asked to pay a fee for services that you believe are improper or illegal, contact the County Controller/Administrator at (517) 676-7203 or Board Coordinator at (517)
676-7200. Employees are prohibited from taking retaliatory action against you for failing to comply with any request unless the request is within the scope of the employee’s official duties for the County.

Use of County Equipment, Facilities and Resources:
Use of County equipment, facilities and resources is authorized only for County purposes.
- Do not ask employees to use County equipment to run errands or perform tasks for your benefit.

Your Rights and Expectations:
When dealing with employees of the County you have the right to honest, fair and impartial treatment. You may expect prompt, courteous and professional service from our employees who are expected to understand and practice good customer service skills. Employees are tasked to uphold the public trust through the ethical performance of their duties. We understand that the enforcement of regulatory guidelines and codes may sometimes be a cause for concern; however, you may rest assured that we are responsible to all of the citizens of Ingham and our goal is to serve them to the best of our ability. Should you have any concerns or questions concerning this information or the conduct of any of our employees, contact the County Controller/Administrator at (517) 676-7203 or Board Coordinator at (517) 676-7200.

Please acknowledge your receipt and acceptance of the aforementioned Standards of Conduct for Ingham County Vendors by signing below and returning with your submittal.

_____________________________________________   _____________________________
Company Name                                           Phone #

______________________________________________   _____________________________
Address, City, State, Zip Code                           Email address

______________________________________________   _____________________________
Signature                                               Date

______________________________________________   _____________________________
Print Name                                               Title

Tax Identification Number: ______________________________
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC ACT 517 OF 2012 FORM
(Please type or print clearly in ink only)

I certify that neither ________________________________________________ (Company), nor any of its successors, parent companies, subsidiaries, or companies under common control, is an “Iran Linked Business” engaged in investment activities of $20,000,000.00 or more with the energy sector of Iran, within the meaning of Michigan Public Act 517 of 2012. In the event it is awarded a Contract as a result of this solicitation, Company will not become an “Iran linked business” during the course of performing the work under the Contract.

NOTE: IF A PERSON OR ENTITY FALSELY CERTIFIES THAT IT IS NOT AN IRAN LINKED BUSINESS AS DEFINED BY PUBLIC ACT 517 OF 2012, IT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES OF NOT MORE THAN $250,000.00 OR TWO TIMES THE AMOUNT OF THE CONTRACT FOR WHICH THE FALSE CERTIFICATION WAS MADE, WHICHEVER IS GREATER, PLUS COSTS AND REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES INCURRED, AS MORE FULLY SET FORTH IN SECTION 5 OF ACT NO. 517, PUBLIC ACTS OF 2012.

______________________________
(Name of Company)

By: ____________________________

Date: __________________________ Title: __________________________
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STATISTICAL QUESTIONNAIRE FORM - OPTIONAL
(Please type or print clearly in ink only)

The Ingham County Board of Commissioners monitors workplace demographics of Bidders and vendors for statistical purposes and to indicate the need for inclusive outreach efforts to ensure that members of underutilized groups have equal opportunity to contract with the affected departments.

To that end, the County Invitation’s vendors to submit as part of their response to any formal solicitations, the following workplace diversity information. Vendors are encouraged to complete as much information as possible. This information will be used for statistical purposes only. Statistical information shall be submitted to the County in a separate sealed envelope containing the notation “STATISTICAL INFORMATION-NOT TO BE OPENED UNTIL AFTER THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT”. Upon receipt of these separate sealed envelopes, the Purchasing Department segregates the envelopes from the other bid documentation. The envelopes containing the statistical information are not opened until the award of the contract, and are not considered, in any way, in the award of any contract.

1. What percentage of your firm’s workforce is?
   - Female __%  
   - Physically-disabled __%  
   - Veteran __%  
   - African-American __%  
   - Caucasian __%  
   - Asian-Indian American __%  
   - Hispanic-American __%  
   - Asian-Pacific American __%  
   - Native-American __%

2. If your business is at least 51% owned by one of the following individuals, please check all that apply:
   - Female  
   - African-American  
   - Caucasian  
   - Disabled  
   - Asian-Indian American  
   - Hispanic-American  
   - Veteran  
   - Asian-Pacific American  
   - Native-American

3. Complete Legal Firm Name: ________________________________________________

4. Company Address: ________________________________________________________

5. Company Phone: (     ) _____________________  Email: ________________________

6. Name and title of person authorized to sign on behalf of your company:
   ________________________________________________________________

7. Signature/date: _________________________________________________________
ATTACHMENT “A”
Existing Project Space
(Shown by Blue Dotted Line)