

# MDAH

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
ARCHIVES & HISTORY

## RFQ AMENDMENT #3

Date Issued: 1/9/24

*PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES  
VICKSBURG CIVIL WAR INTERPRETIVE  
CENTER*

RFx: 3140003703

Questions and Answers

Acknowledging Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1 How do we need to proceed with submitting our Cx qualifications to architects or directly to MDAH or exactly how selection process would work for Cx firms?	A building commissioning agent will be selected at a future date and will be a separate contract with MDAH. We are not accepting Cx qualifications at this time. This RFQ is for professional architectural services only.
2 Has the Commissioning Agent been awarded for this project? If not, can you please let me know how to get on the list to receive the RFQ for commissioning?	No, the commissioning agent has not been selected for this project. Commissioning agent selection will occur at a future date TBD.
3 We understand the total project budget to be +/- \$80M. How much of that budget do you anticipate for building and site construction that will be under this contract?	We anticipate roughly 50% of that total project budget to fall under this contract.
4 Please clarify what work will be covered by the exhibit designer and how you anticipate they will collaborate with the selected architectural team.	The exhibit designer will develop interpretation and design the overall layout, look, and feel for the museum exhibit spaces. The exhibit designer and architecture firm will collaborate on necessary building spaces and needs that will support and enhance the museum exhibit experience.
5 Will the exhibit designer continue to be retained by the Owner?	Yes, the exhibit designer Gallagher & Associates will be retained by the Owner for the duration of the project.
6 Will a food service consultant be required as part of the Phase 1 submission?	No, a food service consultant is not required as part of the Phase 1 submission.
7 Must we identify all specialty consultants (code, accessibility, landscape, acoustics, lighting, etc.) as part of the Phase 1 submission, or will there be an opportunity to expand our team at a later stage?	No, all specialty consultants are not required as part of Phase 1 submission. Name as many specialty consultants as known at the time of Phase 1 submission. There will be an opportunity to offer an expanded team during Phase 2 and/or if selected as the Professional for the project.
8 Will this project require National Park Service approval?	The National Park Service is partnering with MDAH on this project and will provide guidance on certain aspects of the project where their input is valuable and needed. The project as a whole will be subject to approval by the federal Department of the Interior for NPS to continue involvement as a stakeholder. Certain federal building guidelines and standards will be followed in order to ensure NPS participation. However, MDAH will continue as the owner of this state-owned and operated museum.
9 Can you provide the composition (number of members, organizations they represent and/or names) of the selection committee?	The selection committee consists of five MDAH staff members. There will also be an advisory committee consisting of five members representing listed stakeholders who will advise the selection committee prior to scoring.
10 Have you identified the site location and if so, provide a map showing the selected location?	A preferable site location has been identified, and MDAH is working towards securing ownership of the site. MDAH can disclose that the potential site is located between the Interstate 20 Frontage Road and the southeast boundary of Vicksburg National Military Park near the park entrance. The potential site area is approximately 12.7 acres. A map of the potential site location is included on the next page of this Question & Answer document.
11 Has MDAH contracted with any other firms besides G&A to provide services for this project? If so, for what disciplines?	No, MDAH has not contracted with any other firms on this project.
12 In regards to the statement on Page 1 of the RFQ—"The Professional is required to have principals licensed in the State of Mississippi or partner with a resident firm."—is it the preference of the Owner that a MS resident firm prime the contract?	No, there is no preference and the Mississippi-based firm does not need to serve as the prime on the contract. The Professional is required to have principals licensed in the State of Mississippi or partner with a resident firm.
13 Does the fee formula provided on Page 4 apply to the entire team or only certain disciplines? (We have worked in some states where the fee % only applies to architectural, MEP, and structural firms)	The fee formula (Type E) applies only to the selected Professional and their internal team. Any external sub-contractors or consultants brought on by the Professional are not covered by this fee.
14 Re: Letter of Interest, Page 4 states "each submission must be accompanied by an individual letter stating interest and projected timeframe." Could you please clarify what you mean by "projected timeframe"?	The projected timeframe is meant to serve as guidance for the selection committee to envision the firm's potential scheduling and operations timeline for the project. MDAH will expand on scheduling goals and deadlines with the selected Professional. The project will be a multi-year project with a final completion date still TBD.
15 The RFQ lists Gallagher & Associates as the exhibit designer for the project. Please clarify if they will be providing any other services, such as acoustic design, exhibit lighting, theater layout, etc., or will these roles need to be provided by the project team?	Gallagher & Associates will provide the vision, layout, and design for the museum exhibit spaces, including oversight of audio, lighting, and visual experiences. They will work with the architecture Professional to ensure the building design supports these elements.



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VNMP Entrance

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Motel 6

Old battlefield museum

Super 8

Battlefield Campground & Motel Rooms

Triumph Church

Layers

