Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System wishes to announce that we are requesting Statements of Qualifications for Design Professional Services for HVAC System Replacement at Windsor Forest High School under RFQ C15-23 (ESPLOST), by a firm authorized to do business in the State of Georgia. A Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on March 12, 2015 at 10:00 A.M., on site at Windsor Forest High School, located at 12419 Largo Drive, Savannah, Georgia 31419. Bidders will meet at the front entrance of the facility. An accompanied site visitation will follow. Statements of Qualifications will not be accepted from any firm that is not represented at the Mandatory Pre-Proposal conference.

Enclosed is a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) packet which outlines the services being solicited and instructions which describe the submission of the Statement of Qualifications. This cover letter is not a part of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and information herein is for reference only. All Statements of Qualifications should be delivered to the District Purchasing Department, 208 Bull Street, Room 213, Savannah, Georgia, 31401. The advertising dates for this RFQ C15-23 are February 24, 2015 through March 9, 2015 and March 10, 2015 through March 26, 2015. Statements of Qualifications will be accepted prior to 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at which time they will be entered into a register which will be available for public review. If you wish to receive a copy of the register, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your Statement of Qualifications, and a copy of the register will be mailed to you.

It is the policy of the Board of Education to maximize the utilization of qualified local, minority, and women owned business enterprises ("LMWBES") who provide professional services or who serve as prime contractors, subcontractors or suppliers as a part of the District’s facilities construction, maintenance and repair programs. The Board expects that prime contractors on district construction projects will make and document good faith efforts to maximize the utilization of qualified LMWBES as subcontractors and suppliers. The Board also promotes capacity building within the local construction community and encourages the use of partnerships, teaming and mentorships to provide LMWBES with relevant and necessary experiences to grow their business.

Statements of Qualifications received after the time and date for submittal stipulated in the RFQ will not be opened or considered, and will be returned to the Offeror unopened. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time stamp in the Purchasing Department. Offerors are responsible for ensuring that their Statements of Qualifications are stamped by Purchasing Department personnel before the deadline indicated.

If you desire a copy of all Project Documents via US Mail, FedEx, or UPS, please notify the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System’s Purchasing Department at (912) 395-5572. As a courtesy, an unofficial copy of the solicitation document (only) may be available via the District’s web page at www.sccpss.com.

If you have any questions concerning this RFQ, please submit them in writing to the address above or fax them to 912-201-7648. Verbal inquiries will not be considered. Your interest and participation in submitting a Statement of Qualifications in response to this RFQ is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Sabrina Scales, CPPB
Purchasing Director
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS: Design Professional Services
RFQ C15-23

Mission – To ignite a passion for learning and teaching at high levels
Vision – From school to the world: All students prepared for productive futures

"AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER"

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CONE OF SILENCE REQUIREMENTS:

A “Cone of Silence” is imposed upon this RFQ after advertising, and terminates at the time the Board awards a contract. The Cone of Silence prohibits any communication regarding this RFQ between, among others which includes: Potential vendors, service providers, proposers, lobbyists or consultants, any member of the District’s professional staff, or their respective staff and members, respective selection committee members, or any elected official. The Cone of Silence does not apply to oral communications at pre-proposal conferences, site visits (as applicable), oral presentations before selection committees, contract negotiations or communications in writing at any time unless specifically prohibited by this RFQ document. In addition to any other penalties provided by law, violation of the Cone of Silence by any Offeror shall render any RFQ voidable by the District. Any person having personal knowledge of a violation of these provisions shall immediately report such violations to the District.

I. GENERAL / INTRODUCTION

The Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham (hereinafter referred to as “the District”) is soliciting competitive sealed Statements of Qualifications for Design Professional Services for the HVAC System Replacement at Windsor Forest High School. (“Statement of Qualifications” may herein be abbreviated “Statement” or “Response” or “Proposal.” “Design Professional” is commonly abbreviated as “DP.”) Each responding firm (hereinafter each referred to as “the Offeror”) must be authorized to do business in the State of Georgia and experienced in design and construction administration of new K-12 public schools or educational support facilities. Offerors shall meet the terms and conditions set forth in this document and all attachments.

The competitive sealed Statement of Qualifications process stipulated in this RFQ differs from competitive sealed bidding in two important ways:

- It permits negotiation and discussions with competing Offerors, and
- It allows comparative judgmental evaluations to be made on various criteria in addition to cost, for award of a contract.

The advertising date(s) for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) C15-23 are February 24, 2015 through March 9, 2015 and March 10, 2015 through March 26, 2015.

Statements of Qualifications should be delivered to the District Purchasing Department, 208 Bull Street, Room 213, Savannah, Georgia, 31401.

**Statements of Qualifications will be accepted prior to 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 26, 2015.**

This deadline for Statements of Qualifications will be extended at least 72 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, if the District issues any addenda modifying the plans or specifications for the project within a period of 72 hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays or legal holidays, prior to the advertised time for opening the Statements of Qualifications. Under such circumstances, it will not be necessary to re-advertise the RFQ. Any addenda released within 72 hours of the advertised time for opening the Statements of Qualifications will be provided to all firms that attend the Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference.

A MANDATORY Pre-Proposal Conference will be held “On Site” on March 12, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. at Windsor Forest High School, located at 12419 Largo Drive, Savannah, Georgia, 31419. Bidders will meet at the front entrance of the facility. An accompanied site visitation will follow. Proposals will not be accepted from any firm that is not represented at the Mandatory Pre-Proposal conference.
II. STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

This Section includes basic minimum standard requirements established by the District for the performance of DESIGN PROFESSIONAL Services sought by the District. Additionally, this Section includes the basic minimum requirements established by the District for responding properly to this RFQ; any Statement of Qualifications which does not respond in a manner that meets these requirements will be considered non-responsive, and the Offeror will not be considered for award of a Contract. NOTE that important additional requirements are stipulated in Attachments to this RFQ.

A. Owner Administration of Project

The District is the Owner of the Project. To assist in its administration of the Project, the District may employ a Program Manager (abbreviated “PM”). Certain actions indicated herein this RFQ to be performed by the District may instead be performed by the PM, on the behalf of the District. Should at any time the District determine it to be in its best interest to discontinue the services of the PM, thereby assuming administration of the project, all Offerors, or if during the period of performance of services procured by this RFQ, the Design Professional, shall be required to adhere to procedures established by such a change. This stipulation does not seek to describe, establish, or limit administration responsibilities of the Design Professional.

B. Receipt & Registration of Statements of Qualifications

Statements of Qualifications (and any subsequent modifications) will be time-stamped upon receipt. Immediately after the date and time stipulated for receipt of all Statements of Qualifications, all Statements that were delivered in a timely manner will be entered into a register, which will be available for public review. The Statements will not then be publicly opened, and no information contained within the Statements of Qualifications shall be released or discussed. Statements and modifications will be shown only to District personnel having a legitimate interest. Only after award of a Contract will statements be open to public review.

Statements of Qualifications received after the time and date for submittal stipulated herein this RFQ will be returned to the Offeror unopened. The time of receipt shall be determined by the time stamp in the Purchasing Department. Offerors are responsible for ensuring that their Statement of Qualifications are stamped by Purchasing Department personnel before the deadline indicated. Statements received after the time and date for submittal stipulated herein this RFQ will not be opened, reviewed, or considered.

C. Scope of Services

The Scope of Services to be provided is detailed in Attachment A, “SCOPE OF SERVICES, FORM OF PROPOSAL, SELECTION PROCESS AND FORM OF AGREEMENT” (including exhibits attached thereto).

D. RFQ Clarifications / Addenda

If any questions should arise prior to the date and time indicated below pertaining to the RFQ documents, Offeror may deliver, mail, or fax (no verbal communications or e-mails will be accepted) a written request for clarification or interpretation to:

Savannah-Chatham County Public School System
Attention: Director of Purchasing
208 Bull Street, Room 213
Savannah, GA 31401
Fax No: 912-201-7648
Any clarification interpretation of documents shall be made by Addendum to the RFQ. At least one Addendum will be issued, which will include as a minimum a list of all potential Offerors who signed attendance at the mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference. A copy of each Addendum issued will be mailed or faxed to each Offeror receiving a set of RFQ documents. **All inquiries to which Offerors wish to see responses included in an Addendum must be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m., on Monday, March 16, 2015.** The District shall not be responsible for any other explanation of questions submitted after this date. The District shall mail, fax, or contact Offeror for pickup of any Addenda **prior to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, 2015.**

The Offeror must acknowledge receipt of all Addenda on the CERTIFICATION FORM (Form 1). **Failure by the Offeror to acknowledge each and every Addendum on the CERTIFICATION FORM will render the Offeror’s Statement of Qualifications non-responsive.**

**E. Pricing**

In the event the Offeror wishes to provide additional services above and beyond the stated requirements of this RFQ at “no cost” to the District, these services should be identified and included in the RFQ response. Pricing information is not to be included as a part of the Statement of Qualifications. The District has established a Compensation Schedule for Architectural Services (Board Policy FGC-E(2)), based on the Stated Cost Limitation (SCL) of the project. The District reserves the right to negotiate an appropriate fee for any project. Fees shall not exceed amounts approved by the State Board of Education for capital outlay projects.

**F. Signed Statements of Qualifications Considered Offer**

The signed Statement shall be considered an offer on the part of the Offeror, and shall be deemed accepted upon approval by the District. In case of a default on the part of the Offeror after such acceptance, the District may take such action as it deems appropriate, including legal action for damages or lack of required performance.

**G. Non-Response by Prospective Offerors**

If a Statement of Qualifications is not to be submitted, but Offeror wishes to remain on the District's list of potential providers, Offeror should complete and return the CERTIFICATION FORM (Form 1) and the LOCAL AND/OR MINORITY / WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION document (Form 2) found in this packet marked “No Response”.

**H. Compliance with Specification / Terms and Conditions**

The Request for Qualifications, Legal Advertisement, General Terms and Conditions, RFQ Submittal Instructions, Special Terms and Conditions, Specifications, Attachments, Offeror’s Response, any Addenda, and/or any other pertinent documents form a part of the Offeror’s Statement of Qualifications and by reference are made a part hereof.

**I. Communications Regarding Qualifications of Offerors**

All submissions shall be final. Once Statements of Qualifications are submitted, any communication between the Offerors and the District regarding the content of Statements of Qualifications shall take place only at the sole discretion and instigation of the District, and shall occur only in written form.

Verbal clarifications to or discussions regarding any Offeror's submission will be considered by the District ONLY at specified and scheduled oral presentations, for the purpose of:
• Promoting understanding of the District’s requirements and the Offerors’ Statements.
• Facilitating the possible arrival at an agreement that is most advantageous to the District, taking into consideration established evaluation factors and price.

J. **Errors in Statements of Qualifications**

Offerors are expected to fully inform themselves as to conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting Statements. Failure to do so will be at the Offeror’s own risk. The Offeror may withdraw a Statement of Qualifications prior to the stipulated submittal deadline by requesting to do so in writing; however, this written request must be presented to the District in a manner that is sufficient to make clear that the Offeror seeking to withdraw a Statement of Qualifications is in fact the Offeror indicated on the CERTIFICATION FORM (Form 1) submitted previously as a part of the Statement of Qualifications of which withdrawal is sought.

K. **Public Information**

It is the policy of the District that at the conclusion of the selection process, the contents of all Statement of Qualifications will be placed in the public domain and be open to inspection by interested parties. Trade secrets or proprietary information that are recognized as such and are protected by law may be withheld, but only if clearly listed and identified as such in the Statement. The District shall not be responsible or liable for its failure to protect trade secrets or proprietary information. In the event that no Contract is awarded as the result of this RFQ, all Offerors will be notified. The District will keep all original Statements and will destroy all copies after 30 days, allowing Offerors opportunity to retrieve the copies should they wish. The original Statements will be kept on file in the District Purchasing Department.

L. **Offeror’s Essential Credentials and Business Structure**

A responsible Offeror for the purpose of this RFQ is stipulated to be one who meets, or who by the time and date for submittal of Statements of Qualifications stipulated herein this RFQ, can meet all requirements for licensing, bonding, insurance, and service contained within this Request for Qualifications. The District has the right to require any or all Offerors to submit documentation, in addition to that required by this RFQ, of the ability to perform, provide, or carry out the services requested. Offeror’s majority (51%) ownership, whether public or private, must be held by citizens or lawful permanent residents of the United States.

The Offeror must be licensed to perform the Services solicited by this RFQ. The Offeror’s Georgia Design Professional’s license, as well as the name of the individual who serves as the Qualifying Agent for the Offeror, are required with each Statement of Qualifications. The Georgia Design Professional’s License provided here shall be the one stamped on all Construction Documents used in obtaining a building permit in association with the Work of this Project. As applicable, the Company name on the Georgia Design Professional license must be identical to that name entered on the required CERTIFICATION FORM (Form 1). If the Offeror is a corporation, a copy of a current Annual Corporate Registration issued by the State in which incorporated is required. Also, a copy of the current local business license held by the Offeror, from the municipality where it is located, is required.

This RFQ seeks to solicit Offers from any legal form of business. If the Offeror is a partnership or joint venture (PJV), a copy of the contractual agreement between the participants in the PJV must be provided as a part of the Statement of Qualifications. The PJV agreement must be adequate to its purpose of establishing a safe and well-structured good faith relationship between the participants, and must comply with all applicable laws, including Antitrust Laws. The agreement must include adequate provisions to address unforeseen events such as the demise of any one of the partners or joint venture companies, and the like.
If a joint venture, information and documentation must be provided to establish whether the joint venture is a business entity created for the purpose of functioning as the joint venture, or whether the joint venture is operated through the existing legal status of the venture partners. All information regarding the legal structure and reporting of income for tax purposes of the PJV must be provided. The District may disqualify from consideration the Offer of any PJV when it determines such disqualification to be in its best interest.

The District WILL NOT enter into an agreement with more than one legal business entity. Additionally, if two or more projects have not been previously undertaken and successfully completed by a PJV Offeror, each party to the PJV responding to this RFO must submit complete but separate Statements of Qualifications, with each separate Statement making clear that it is a part of a PJV Offer. It is required that each participant in a PJV be routinely and on a daily basis in the business of providing services which are closely similar or identical to those Services solicited by this RFO.

M. Standards of Acceptance of Statements of Qualifications for Contract Award

The District reserves the right to reject any and all Statements and to waive any irregularities or technicalities in Statements received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the District. The District has the right to disqualify any Offeror from consideration when such Offeror cannot demonstrate its ability to deliver requested services or when investigation shows it is not in a position to perform the solicited services in a manner that is in the best interest of the District.

N. Compliance With Laws

The Offeror shall obtain and maintain all licenses, permits, liability insurance, workman’s compensation insurance and comply with any and all other standards or regulations required by Federal, State, County, and City statutes, ordinances and rules during the performance of any contract between the District and the Offeror. Any such requirement specifically set forth in any contract document between the Offeror and the District shall be supplementary to this section and not in substitution thereof.

O. Insurance Requirements

Before performing any work on the awarded contract, the successful Offeror shall procure and maintain, during the life of said contract, insurance coverage as prescribed in the Form of Agreement (Part 1, Section 1.1.5). The policies of insurance shall be primary and written on forms acceptable to the District and placed with insurance carriers approved and licensed by the Insurance Commission of the State of Georgia and meet minimum financial A.M. Best & Company rating of no less than A(-). Further, the contractor will provide copies of all insurance policies required hereunder. No changes are to be made to these requirements without prior written specific approval by the District.

The Offeror shall review the Design Professional Agreement and once contracted, shall be required to shall provide the Specified Coverages and Limits of Insurance. Immediately, and before the start of the Project, the successful Offeror / Design Professional must provide to the District a Certificate of Insurance as evidence of all insurance coverages and limits stipulated therein the Design Professional Agreement. There is no waiver of subrogation rights by either party with respect to insurance. Additionally, within 30 days of notice of award of a Contract, a certified copy of all policies in their entirety (including the Declarations pages) shall be provided to the District.

The Offeror must meet certain minimum insurance requirements at the time a Statement of Qualifications is submitted, which include current certificate(s) and a letter from insurer. Insurance
certificates of current existing polices and coverage’s will be required as a part of each Statement of Qualifications, as well as a letter from the Offeror’s insurer stating that the Offeror can provide required limits of insurance specified by this RFQ, pending award of a contract.

P. Indemnity Provisions

To the maximum extent permitted by Georgia law, the Offeror shall indemnify and hold harmless the District its representatives, officers and employees from any and all liabilities, damages, losses and costs, including, but not limited to, the District’s reasonable attorneys’ fees and expenses incurred in the defense thereof, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Offeror or anyone employed or utilized by the Offeror in the performance of this Agreement. This indemnification obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or reduce any other rights or remedies which otherwise may be available to an indemnified party or person described in this paragraph.

Q. Certification of Independent Submission

By submission of a Statement of Qualifications, the Offeror certifies that in connection with this Request for Qualifications:

1. The information in this Statement of Qualifications has been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication, or agreement, for the purpose of restricting competition with any other Offeror or with any competitor;
2. The information in this Statement of Qualifications has not been knowingly disclosed by the Offeror and will not knowingly be disclosed by the Offeror prior to the District’s final determination regarding this RFQ, directly or indirectly to any other Offeror or to any competitor; and
3. 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 Statement of Qualifications for the purpose of restricting competition.
4. In the event the Offeror is a partnership or joint venture, each party thereto certifies the above.

R. Development of Local and Minority / Woman Business Enterprises.

It is the policy of the Board of Education to maximize the utilization of qualified local, minority, and women owned business enterprises ("LMWBES") who provide professional services or who serve as prime contractors, subcontractors or suppliers as a part of the District’s facilities construction, maintenance and repair programs. The Board expects that prime contractors on district construction projects will make and document good-faith efforts to maximize the utilization of qualified LMWBES’s as subcontractors and suppliers for District Projects. The Board encourages all members of the local construction community, regardless of ownership or size, to work together on District projects so that all can grow their businesses for the benefit of the Savannah-Chatham community. This solicitation is subject to Board policy FG and regulations thereunder.

Offeror shall take all reasonable steps in accordance with this solicitation to insure that local and disadvantaged enterprises have that maximum opportunity to participate in the resulting contract. No Offeror shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin or sex in the award or performance of any subcontracts or purchase orders resulting from or relating to this solicitation. Moreover, the Offeror shall make good faith efforts to select contractors, service providers, vendors, and suppliers from local and disadvantaged enterprises.

The Offeror must demonstrate a good faith effort to provide opportunity for LMWBES, in part by providing as a part of its Statement of Qualifications the forms provided in this RFQ, which shall be
completed in a manner sufficient to provide documentation of such good faith efforts. Those forms pertaining to development of local and disadvantaged enterprises include:

LOCAL AND/OR MINORITY / WOMAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION (Form 2)
LOCAL AND MWBE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS REQUIREMENTS (Form 3)
LOCAL AND MWBE DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTATION (Form 4)

Good faith efforts should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Attend pre-solicitation meetings to inform LMWBEs of subcontracting opportunities.
- Advertise in general circulation media, trade association publications, and minority and women business enterprise media to provide notice of subcontracting opportunities.
- Communicate with the City of Savannah’s Office of Economic Development to identify available and qualified LMWBE firms.
- Select portions of work for subcontracting in areas with established availability of LMWBE subcontractors.
- Solicit and negotiate with available and qualified LMWBEs for specific subcontracting opportunities.

A local business enterprise is defined as (1) having established a regular, physical place of business other than a job site office with at least one employee within the geographical boundaries of the Savannah Georgia Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) prior to the closing date on the solicitation (a post office box address will not satisfy this requirement); (2) having a current Business Tax Certificate and other licenses, certificates, or permits required by law to operate a business in that location; and (3) performing a commercially useful function within the local office.

A Minority Business Enterprise is an independent, continuing venture that is at least 51% owned by a minority person or persons that meets the criteria for a Disadvantaged Business. A Disadvantaged Business is a small business which is owned, controlled and managed on a daily basis by a majority of persons, not limited to members of minority groups, who have been deprived of the opportunity to develop and maintain a competitive position in the economy because of social disadvantage. This includes:

1. African American: A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa;
2. Hispanic American: A person of Spanish culture with origins in Mexico, South America, Central America or the Caribbean, regardless of race.

A Women Business Enterprise is an independent, continuing venture that is at least 51% owned by one or more women. To qualify as an LMWBE, the owner must be a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States, be involved in daily business operations, and provide a commercially useful function. The ownership interest must be real and continuous and not created solely to meet the local/minority/women business or local/minority/women contractor good faith efforts.

The School District’s Program Management Firm is available to identify and facilitate qualified Local and/or Minority and/or Women Owned Businesses through its community outreach division. The contact person for this assistance is Sylvester Formey, Phone 912-236-1766 and email sylvesterl@vangdist.com.

For more information regarding how to best provide opportunities for business growth and development for local and disadvantaged business enterprises, please contact:
The Savannah Entrepreneurial Center of the City of Savannah is merely a reference resource, and has and shall have no authority in the evaluation of Offerors or Statements of Qualifications, or in the disposition of grievances or protests pertaining to this RFQ.

S. **Protests.**

Any actual or bona fide prospective Offeror who is aggrieved in connection with this RFQ may protest to the Purchasing Director. By submitting a Statement of Qualifications in response to this RFQ, the Offeror agrees that this RFQ, as modified by Addendum, is fitting and proper, and that no claim or grievance against the District that is attributable to the content of the RFQ exists. Any protest shall be submitted within five business (5) days after the action by the District on which the grievance is based, but in no case later than five business (5) days after the date of the District’s notice of intent to award the Work of this RFQ, which will be transmitted by fax to all Offerors.

The District shall not intentionally withhold information that is stated in this RFQ to be forthcoming at certain intervals, but failure of the District to notify an Offeror who might be aggrieved by the content of such notification shall not give rise to any claim or rights resulting from said failure. Only formal protests will be considered, and in order for a protest to be considered as formal, it must be presented in written form, and must contain a minimum of the following:

- A specific identification of the statutory or regulatory provision(s) that the District’s purchasing staff member or department is alleged to have violated,
- A specific description of each act alleged to have violated the statutory or regulatory provision(s) identified above,
- A precise statement of the relevant facts that include timelines and all involved parties, and
- An identification of the issue(s) that needs to be resolved that support the protest.

The letter of protest shall be taken under consideration by the Chief Financial Officer and the Superintendent, who shall respond to the protesting offeror within ten (10) business days of receipt of the letter of protest. This written decision shall be final and conclusive.

T. **Award of Contract.**

The District reserves the right to reject any or all Statements of Qualifications and to waive technicalities and informality of the Discretion of the District. A contract, if awarded, will be awarded by means of the process described in Attachment A - SCOPE OF SERVICES, FORM OF PROPOSAL, SELECTION PROCESS AND FORM OF AGREEMENT (including exhibits attached thereto).

Statements received after the time and date for submittal stipulated herein this RFQ will not be opened, reviewed, or considered. Proposed services, cost, and other factors, including those stipulated above in Article Q, must be met to the satisfaction of the District in order for a Statement to be considered responsive.

The Selection Committee will receive and evaluate all Statements of Qualifications submitted in response to this RFQ using the Initial Screening Criteria set forth in Section 8.0 of Attachment A. After evaluating Offerors using this criteria, the Selection Committee will create a short list of at least three (3) Offerors found to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. These short-listed Offerors may receive a Request for Project Proposal containing additional project information and instructions. The short-listed Offerors will also be assigned an interview time with the Selection Committee. All Offerors not selected for interviews will be so informed in writing.
Each short-listed Offeror will provide the Selection Committee with its Response to the Request for Project Proposals at the time required by the District which will be prior to its interview with the Selection Committee. None of the short-listed Offeror’s responses to the Request for Project Proposals should contain a Fee Proposal. Sealed Fee Proposals should be submitted separately at the conclusion of each interview.

After interviewing the short-listed Offerors and reviewing their Responses to the District’s Request for Project Proposals, the Selection Committee will re-evaluate the short-listed Offerors using the criteria set forth in Attachment A. The most qualified Offerors will be ranked in priority order of desirability and declared to be the Finalist Offerors. All firms interviewed will be informed of the selection in writing.

The District has established a Compensation Schedule for Architectural Services (Board Policy FGC-E(2)), based on the Stated Cost Limitation (SCL) of the project. The District reserves the right to negotiate an appropriate fee for any project. Fees shall not exceed amounts approved by the State Board of Education for capital outlay projects.

Following the interview process, the highest-ranked firm will be asked to meet with the Superintendent’s designee to finalize the fees for the HVAC System Replacement at Windsor Forest High School. Upon the successful negotiation of fees, the Finalist Offeror will be presented to the School Board with a recommendation for appointment to the specific project.

In the event that agreement of the fee structure cannot be reached with the highest-ranked firm, the second highest-ranked firm will be asked to meet with the Superintendent’s designee to finalize the fees for the HVAC System Replacement at Windsor Forest High School. In the event that agreement of the fee structure cannot be reached, this process will continue until agreement is reached.

U. **Offeror Performance.**

   The successful Offerors will be evaluated by the District over the duration of the contract period. Performance will be documented. Poor performance may result in the Offeror being disqualified on future RFQs.

V. **Cancellation / Default of Contract.**

   Cancellation or Default of a contract shall be as prescribed in Attachment A, “Scope of Service, Form of Proposal, Selection Process and Form of Agreement.”

**III. RFQ SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS**

All Statements of Qualifications must be prepared in the standard format described below in order to facilitate comparison and evaluation. Failure to follow the format or to address an area adequately may cause the Statement to be deemed nonresponsive and therefore, be excluded from consideration. Any proposed deviation from the requested item must be noted and fully explained.

**A. Completion of Certification Form (Form 1) & Local and/or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Development Information Form (Form 2)**

1. Complete the attached Certification Form. Include a contact person for this RFQ with a phone number where that person may be reached. Include this form as the first page of the submittal.

2. Complete the Local and/or Minority/Women Business Enterprise Development Information Form (Form 2) with pertinent information for local, minority/Women/majority designation. Please also complete the “How Did You Hear About This RFQ?” section. This information is for statistical use only.

3. Complete all required documents within the Forms Section of this RFQ.
B. RFQ Preparation and Submittal

All Statements of Qualifications shall be submitted as described in the RFQ documents in the number of required copies and format:

1. Typewritten, single-spaced in a size, not smaller than 11 and not larger than 13 point font, and signed by an authorized representative of the Offeror. ALL SIGNATURE SPACES MUST BE SIGNED BY THE RESPONSIBLE PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHED IN THE CERTIFICATION FORM (FORM 1). Signatures must be original, penned in blue ink; facsimile, printed, copied or typewritten signatures are not acceptable. Smaller fonts may be used as necessary when completing forms, where allowable space is defined.

2. Submitted in a sealed package, which is plainly marked with the RFQ number and title, and date and time of the RFQ submittal deadline. The content of each Statement of Qualifications must be limited to one single binder or package.

3. Submitted on statement forms as included in this RFQ and in accordance with instructions stated above and within the provisions of all Attachments.

4. Mailed or delivered in sufficient time to ensure receipt by the Purchasing Director prior to the date and time of the RFQ submittal deadline. Whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery, the Offeror assumes the risk for having the Statement of Qualifications deposited on time and at the place specified on the first page of this RFQ. Offerors are responsible for ensuring that their Statement of Qualifications are stamped by Purchasing Department personnel before the submittal deadline indicated.

5. Statements of Qualifications or any portions thereof submitted by facsimile or email transmission will not be accepted.

6. Statement of Qualifications are an irrevocable offer for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of the RFQ submittal deadline.

Offerors are encouraged to review carefully all provisions and attachments of this document prior to submission. Each Statement constitutes an offer and may not be withdrawn or modified except as provided herein. Offerors shall provide the original and specified number of copies of Statements containing all pertinent documentation. The District assumes no responsibility or obligation to respondents and will make no payment for any costs associated with the preparation or submission of the Statement.

IV. SCCPSS RFQ FORMS

The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS) Forms listed below are a part of this RFQ. In order for a Statement of Qualifications to be considered responsive, Forms 1 thru 10 must be fully completed, executed, and submitted as a part of the Statement. Failure to submit and execute the forms will render a Statement non-responsive. The actual Forms are found at the end of this RFQ, subsequent to any Sections that follow this Section, IV. “SCCPSS RFQ FORMS.”

FORM 1: CERTIFICATION FORM: Certifies that the offeror has carefully reviewed all provisions of the solicitation and hereby agree to be bound by said provisions of this package.

FORM 2: LOCAL AND/OR MINORITY / WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION: Required to assist District with documenting status of participating offerors.

FORM 3: LOCAL AND MWBE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS REQUIREMENTS: Required for certifying and documenting evidence of good faith efforts to utilize local and Disadvantage Business Enterprises on this contract.

FORM 4: LOCAL AND MWBE DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTATION: Required to assist District in evaluating good faith efforts of Offerors.
FORM 5: **Disclosure of Responsibility Statement:** Certifies and documents Offeror's ability or responsiveness to provide services in accordance with governmental business practices.

FORM 6: **Contracting Affidavit and Agreement:** Required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 for all firms providing service(s) to public sector entities. This form requires compliance regarding hiring and verification of employees.

FORM 7: **Form of Business Disclosure Statement:** Confirms identity and legal status of Offeror.

FORM 8: **Statement of Active Participation in SCCPSS Schools:** Documents active participation in SCCPSS schools as encouraged by Board Policy FGC.

FORM 9: **Subcontractor Affidavit:** Required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(3) for all firms providing service(s) to public entities. This form requires compliance regarding hiring and verification of employees.

FORM 10: **Sub-Subcontractor Affidavit:** Required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(4) for all firms providing service(s) to public entities. This form requires compliance regarding hiring and verification of employees.

V. **Attachments to RFQ**
The following listed attachments to this RFQ, including any exhibits attached thereto, are a part of this RFQ as if included herein the main body of this RFQ verbatim.

**Attachment A:** Scope of Services, Form of Proposal, Selection Process and Form of Agreement (including exhibits attached thereto)
CERTIFICATION FORM
RFQ C15-23

The undersigned Offeror certifies that he/she has carefully read the preceding list of instructions to Offerors and all other data applicable hereto and made a part of this Request for Qualifications. Offeror further certifies that the Statement of Qualifications submitted is in accordance with all documents contained in this RFQ, and that any exception taken thereto may disqualify his/her Statement of Qualifications, and that any misrepresentation of facts hereby subject Offeror to debarment from future District procurement. Offeror understands and agrees all Statements of Qualifications are FINAL.

The Offeror in response to this RFQ is hereby stipulated to be none other than:

________________________________________________________________________
Company

________________________________________________________________________
Federal Taxpayer ID No.

________________________________________________________________________
Street Address        City        State        Zip

________________________________________________________________________
Phone No.        Fax No.

________________________________________________________________________
Responsible Principal

Phone Number of Responsible Principal
*If the Offeror is a joint venture that is a business entity created for the purpose of functioning as the joint venture, enter above the correct legal information for the joint venture business entity which intends to enter into a contract with the District for the Services solicited by this RFQ. If the joint venture is operated through the existing legal status of the venture partners, enter above the correct legal information for only the one venture partner with majority participation in the joint venture, or if all venture partners are equal in the joint venture, enter information for only the venture partner which intends to enter into a contract with the District for the Services solicited by this RFQ.

IF different than the Responsible Principal listed above, the Contact Person for this RFQ is hereby authorized to be:

________________________________________________________________________
Contact Person for this RFQ

________________________________________________________________________
Phone Number of Contact Person

Receipt of the following Addenda is hereby acknowledged: # __________  # __________  # __________  # __________
(All Addenda issued MUST be acknowledged in order for Statement of Qualifications to be considered responsive.)

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Offeror, have read the instructions to Offeror and agree to be bound by the provisions of the same, this __________ day of __________________________, 201____, by:

________________________________________________________________________
Responsible Principal

________________________________________________________________________
Title

________________________________________________________________________
Authorized Signature

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE __________ DAY OF __________________________, 201____

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Notary Public; My Commission Expires: __________________________

DO NOT include any attachments to this form.

SCCPSS RFQ FORM 1
LOCAL AND/OR MINORITY/WOMAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

It is the desire of the District to maximize participation of local and disadvantaged business enterprises at all levels in the procurement process. In order to accurately document participation, businesses submitting bids, proposals or Statements of Qualifications are required to report ownership status. See Section R, “Development of Local and Minority / Woman Business Enterprises” for information to assist in completing this Form.

OFFEROR: ________________________________________ RFQ # __C15-23__

Please check ownership status as applicable:

___ Local
___ Woman

___ African American
___ Hispanic

___ Majority
___ Non-Local

Name, Title ___________________________ Authorized Signature _________________________ Date ___________

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_________________________________________ Notary Public; My Commission Expires:____________________

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS RFQ?
(This information is for statistical use only.)

___ City of Savannah, Department of Economic Development

___ Received Request for Qualifications by Mail

___ The Savannah Tribune Legal Ad

___ Other

___ The Herald Legal Ad

___ Savannah News Press Legal Ad

___ Visiting the Purchasing Office

DO NOT include any attachments to this form.

SCCPSS RFQ FORM 2
### Local and MWBE Good Faith Efforts Requirements

Offerors are required to submit with the Statement, evidence of good faith efforts utilized to ensure that Local and MWBE are provided with the maximum opportunity to compete on this contract. Such good faith efforts of an Offeror will include, but not limited to, the following:

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Include attachments to this form only as deemed necessary.

Any attachments to this form must be marked clearly on each page with the words, “Attachment to Form 3.”

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SCCPSS RFQ FORM 3
LOCAL AND MWBE DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTATION

Project Name: Design Professional Services for HVAC System Replacement at Windsor Forest High School
RFO #: C15-23

Enter below documentation of efforts made by the Offeror to enlist the participation of Local and/or MWBE.

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Note: Provide additional copies of this form if necessary, numbering each.

Company ____________________________ Name, Title ____________________________ Authorized Signature ____________________________ Date ____________

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE ________ DAY OF ________________________, 2014 ____________________________

_____________________________ Notary Public; My Commission Expires: ____________________________

Include attachments to this form only as deemed necessary. Any attachments to this form must be marked clearly on each page with the words, "Attachment to Form 4."

SCCPSS RFQ FORM 4
DISCLOSURE OF RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

List any convictions of any person, subsidiary, or affiliate of the company, arising out of obtaining, or attempting to obtain a public or private contract or subcontract, or in the performance of such contract or subcontract.
Not Applicable { } or List:

List any convictions of any person, subsidiary, or affiliate of this company for offenses such as embezzlement, theft, fraudulent schemes, etc. or any other offenses indicating a lack of business integrity or business honesty which affect the responsibility of the contractor.
Not Applicable { } or List:

List any convictions or civil judgments under state or federal antitrust statutes.
Not Applicable { } or List:

List any violations of contract provisions such as knowingly (without good cause) to perform, or unsatisfactory performance, in accordance with the specifications of a contract.
Not Applicable { } or List:

List any prior suspensions or debarments by any government agency.
Not Applicable { } or List:

List any contracts not completed on time.
Not Applicable { } or List:

List any penalties imposed for time delays and/or quality of material and workmanship.
Not Applicable { } or List:

List any documented violations of federal or state labor laws, regulations, or standards, occupational safety and health rules.
Not Applicable { } or List:

List any pending civil actions against company for nonperformance of contract.
Not Applicable { } or List:

I, ______________________________, of ______________________________

Name of Individual, Title & Authority Company Name

Declare under oath that the above statements, including any supplemental responses attached hereto, are true.

________________________________________

Authorized Signature

________________________________________

State of __________________________________

County of _____________________________

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this __________ day of ________________ 201__ by representing him/herself to be of the company named herein.

________________________________________ Notary Public; My Commission Expires: __________________

DO NOT include any attachments to this form.

SCCPSS RFQ FORM 5
CONTRACTING AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT

CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT UNDER O.C.G.A § 13-10-91(b)(1)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System ("SCCPSS") has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Contractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number

Date of Authorization

Name of Contractor

Name of Project

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on ______________, 201_ in ______________________(city), __________ and (state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME
ON THIS THE __________ DAY OF ________________________, 201_

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  

DO NOT include any attachments to this form.

SCCPSS RFQ FORM 6
FORM OF BUSINESS DISCLOSURE AND INSURANCE COVERAGE STATEMENT

Please make clear the exact type of legal entity that will perform this contract. Describe below the nature of the business organization and the financial participation of any member business entities. State the appropriate information to show that the business organization has all required licensing and authorization to provide the type of service proposed.

Form of Business: { } Corporation { } Sole Proprietorship
{ } Partnership* { } Limited Liability Partnership
{ } Limited Liability Corporation { } Joint Venture*

*If the Offeror is a partnership or joint venture, attach** to this Form (Form 8) a copy of the contractual agreement between the participants in the partnership or joint venture. The partnership or joint venture Offeror must comply with all requirements, including those stipulated in Section L, "Offeror’s Essential Credentials and Business Structure."

Full Legal Name and Physical Address of Business Organization (must match information in Form 1):

As Applicable, Full Legal Name and Physical Address of Each Other Party to Partnership or Joint Venture:

The Offeror must be licensed to perform the Services solicited by this RFQ. Attach to this Form a copy of the Offeror’s Georgia Design Professional’s license, which must be identical to that name entered above and on the CERTIFICATION FORM (Form 1)**. Enter below the name of the individual who serves as the Qualifying Agent for the Offeror. Also, if Offeror is a corporation, attach to this Form a copy of a current Annual Corporate Registration issued by the State in which incorporated**. Also, attach to this Form a copy of the current local business license held by the Offeror from the municipality where it is located**. See Section L, "Offeror’s Essential Credentials and Business Structure," for additional information.

The Offeror must meet certain minimum insurance requirements at the time a Statement of Qualifications is submitted. Attach to this Form written insurance certificates of current existing policies and coverages**, and attach also a letter from insurer stating that the Offeror can provide the required limits of insurance specified by this RFQ pending award of a contract. See Section O, "Insurance and Bonding Requirements," for additional information.

Name of Qualifying Agent for the Georgia Design Professional’s license of the Offeror, and license number:

Full Name: __________________________________ License Number: __________________

Name, Title __________________________________ Authorized Signature ________________ Date __________

Company __________________________________________________________

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE __________ DAY OF ______________________, 201________

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Notary Public; My Commission Expires: ____________________________

Attachments to this form must be marked clearly on each page with the words, “Attachment to Form 8.”

**At least five(5) attachments to this Form are REQUIRED.

SCCPSS RFQ FORM 7
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SCCPSS SCHOOLS**

The Board of Education encourages design and engineering professionals who do business with SCCPSS to actively participate in our schools and provide career direction to students interested in learning more about these fields, to include supporting student career days, construction mentorship programs, and other related activities. (excerpt from Board Policy FGC)

List below current and planned activities which support SCCPSS schools.

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**SCCPSS RFQ FORM 8**
Subcontractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(3)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned subcontractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract with _______ on behalf of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System ("SCCPSS") has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned subcontractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned subcontractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with sub-subcontractors who present an affidavit to the subcontractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Additionally, the undersigned subcontractor will forward notice of the receipt of an affidavit from a sub-subcontractor to the contractor within five business days of receipt. If the undersigned subcontractor receives notice that a sub-subcontractor has received an affidavit from any other contracted sub-subcontractor, the undersigned subcontractor must forward, within five business days of receipt, a copy of the notice to the contractor. Subcontractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number

Date of Authorization

Name of Subcontractor

Name of Project

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on ________, __, 20____ in _______(city), _______(state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME
ON THIS THE _______ DAY OF ____________, 20____.

____________________________
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

THE PRIME CONTRACTOR OR ARCHITECT MUST GET THIS FORM COMPLETED BY THE SUBCONSULTANT/SUPPLIERS

SCCPSS RFQ FORM 9
Sub-subcontractor Affidavit under O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b)(4)

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned sub-subcontractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services under a contract with ___________ and ___________ on behalf of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System ("SCCPSS") has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned sub-subcontractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned sub-subcontractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with sub-subcontractors who present an affidavit to the sub-subcontractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). The undersigned sub-subcontractor shall submit, at the time of such contract, this affidavit to (name of subcontractor or sub-subcontractor with whom such sub-subcontractor has privity of contract). Additionally, the undersigned sub-subcontractor will forward notice of the receipt of any affidavit from a sub-subcontractor to (name of subcontractor or sub-subcontractor with whom such sub-subcontractor has privity of contract). Sub-subcontractor hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number

Date of Authorization

Name of Sub-subcontractor

Name of Project

Name of Public Employer

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on ______, ____, 20____ in _______(city), _______(state).

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer or Agent

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NOTARY PUBLIC
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THE PRIME CONTRACTOR OR ARCHITECT MUST GET THIS FORM COMPLETED BY THE SUB-SUBCONSULTANT/SUPPLIERS

SCCPSS FORM RFQ 10
ATTACHMENT “A”

HVAC System Replacement at Windsor Forest High School

DESIGN PROFESSIONAL SCOPE OF SERVICES,
FORM OF PROPOSAL, SELECTION PROCESS AND FORM OF AGREEMENT

RFQ #C15-23

1.0 CONE OF SILENCE
A "Cone of Silence" is imposed upon this RFQ after advertising and terminates at the time the Board awards a contract. The Cone of Silence prohibits any communication regarding this RFQ between, among others which includes: Potential vendors, service providers, proposers, lobbyists or consultants, any member of the District's professional staff, or their respective staff and members, respective selection committee members, or any elected official. The Cone of Silence does not apply to oral communications at pre-proposal conferences, site visits (as applicable), oral presentations before selection committees, contract negotiations or communications in writing at any time unless specifically prohibited by this RFQ document. In addition to any other penalties provided by law, violation of the Cone of Silence by any offeror shall render any RFQ voidable by the District. Any person having personal knowledge of a violation of these provisions shall immediately report such violations to the District.

2.0 PURPOSE

2.1 The Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, on behalf of the Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham District, is soliciting Statements of Qualifications from architectural/engineering firms (the "Design Professional"), authorized to do business in the State of Georgia, with experience in the planning, design and construction of HVAC Systems. All respondents to this RFQ are subject to the instructions communicated in this document, and are cautioned to completely review the entire RFQ and follow instructions carefully. The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, and to waive technicalities and informalities at the discretion of the District. The selected Design Professional firms shall provide professional services for the project described in Section 5 of this document.

2.2 The Board of Public Education for the City of Savannah and the County of Chatham is interested in entering into contract with a qualified professional architectural/engineering firm to provide services of a specified nature, said services consisting of providing Design Services for replacing the HVAC & HVAC Controls System at Windsor Forest High School.

2.3 The District is seeking submissions with an estimated total project cost of $1,967,000.

3.0 BACKGROUND & PROJECT GOALS

3.1 Windsor Forest High School is located at 12419 Largo Drive, Savannah, Georgia, 31419. The current HVAC system needs to be removed and replaced. The intent of this project is to provide a new HVAC system (District preference is closed loop water source heat pump system) as well as update and/or replace fresh air systems and the HVAC systems controls.

3.2 The possibility exists that work may have to be done on an occupied campus; all plans and specifications must include this contingency.

3.3 The project is to be managed by the Design Professional working through a representative from the District’s Facilities Construction Department. Design
Professional will work closely with the District’s Facilities Construction Department to design the most cost effective and efficient systems that will provide durable service.

3.4 The project to be designed and administered by the Design Professional consists of but is not limited to:

3.4.1 Demolition and disposal of all HVAC materials.
3.4.2 Provision of the best HVAC system for the campus, by the replacement of the existing systems. The Design Professional is to provide assistance to the District in determining the best course. This assistance should include the provision of all useful information pertaining to as a minimum: cost, durability, long-term system service expectations.
3.4.3 Work resulting from the Design Professional’s inspection and evaluation of existing major components for sufficiency, condition, need for service, repair or replacement; this would include but not be limited to the equipment, controls, ducts, grilles, piping, condensers, related accessories, etc. and items considered incidental such as electrical, roofing, ceiling removal and replacement, masonry/drywall water source heat pump closets, interior/exterior concrete pads and exterior masonry for equipment enclosures, etc.
3.4.4 Work associated with the HVAC systems and HVAC accessories resulting from the Design Professional’s and Owner’s inspection and evaluation of the HVAC systems and accessories.
3.4.5 Phasing and scheduling of the Project so as to create the least possible disruption to the campus. Conditioned air must be maintained to all areas of the building at all times.
3.4.6 The Design Professional is to be familiar with all Federal, State and Local code compliance with projects of this description and accommodate the City of Savannah, Georgia Department of Education, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and District design criteria and current State Educational Standards.

4.0 SITE INFORMATION

4.1 The site location is 12419 Largo Drive, Savannah, GA 31419.
4.2 The current HVAC system needs removal and replacement.

5.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

5.1 The Design Professional’s team is to provide all professional services to deliver to the District a safe finished HVAC System, and usable renovation within the construction budget. Fees will be based upon the District’s Policy FGC-E (2) Compensation Schedule for Design Professional Services for Addition and Renovation Projects.

5.2 The work includes, but is not limited to, engineering services for planning, design, construction documents, and demolition plans, construction phasing plans, permitting, and construction contract administration.

5.3 The Design Professional will be required to complete all tasks required in order to acquire Georgia DOE approval of the work.

5.4 The Design Professional shall provide construction documents that conform to applicable building codes, zoning codes, laws, regulations, and generally accepted construction industry standards. The Design Professional shall file for and obtain the necessary permits with the governmental authorities having jurisdiction over the project.
5.5 The Design Professional will furnish all expertise, labor and resources for design services and construction contract administration services for the project. The following generally highlights the services to be provided:

5.5.1 The Design Professional shall assist the District in refining or making clarifications to the District’s requirements for the project and shall prepare an Estimate of Cost.

5.5.2 The Design Professional shall provide building systems evaluation and planning services as related to HVAC and advise the District of potential problems and resolutions including the development and implementation of all new construction related activity.

5.5.3 The Design Professional shall provide the customary professional services required for design development, construction documents, bidding, and construction contract administration phases of the project.

5.5.4 The Design Professional shall provide onsite inspections of the work during the construction phase. Each inspection shall yield a written and photographic report detailing progress, as well as any problems and solutions. All inspection reports shall be copied to the District’s representative.

5.5.5 The Design Professional shall manage the scheduling and coordination of deliverables requiring approval of the Georgia DOE.

6.0 QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

6.1 Firms must meet the following requirements:

6.1.1 Qualification Statements shall be signed by an authorized representative of the Design Professional’s Firm. The correct legal name of the entity that will perform the work shall be clearly stated. By submitting a Qualification Proposal, the Design Professional certifies that all information provided in response to this RFQ is true and accurate. Failure to provide information required by this RFQ will ultimately result in rejection of the Statement of Qualification.

6.1.2 Qualifications should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Design Professional’s capabilities for satisfying the requirements of the RFQ. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content.

6.1.3 Firms must be experienced in the planning, design and construction of site utility systems, especially water systems.

6.1.4 Firms must be authorized to do business in the State of Georgia and must possess professional service registrations in accordance with applicable statutes, regulations, and rules.

6.1.5 Firms must be able to demonstrate financial strength appropriate to the scale of the project.

6.1.6 The selected firm will be required to meet the insurance requirements of the school district, as outlined in the Exhibit of Insurance in the attached contract. (Part 1, para 1.1.5).
7.0 STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS- Required Information and Format

7.1 Statements of Qualifications must provide the required information in the following order and format:

7.1.1 Be mechanically bound and should be limited to 8.5 inch x 11 inch pages printed on one side. Responses should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Design Professional's capabilities for satisfying the requirements of the RFQ. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content.

7.1.2 One (1) manually signed original (Clearly marked as Original on cover), Five (5) copies, and one (1) CD-Rom will be submitted.

7.2 Statements of Qualifications which have not been received by the District on or before the scheduled receipt time set forth in the RFQ will not be considered.

7.3 Include a letter of introduction and statement of interest, not exceeding one page, signed by an officer of the responding firm. The letter shall include specific reason(s) why firm would be the best choice for this project.

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7.5 Compliance Information TAB (A)
This is a compliance section, and carries no evaluation points; however, Offerors must meet and document, herein, criteria as specified. Responses shall include the following:

7.5.1 Provide Forms 1 through 10.
7.5.2 The Offering Firm's Team (Offeror and Sub-consultants) licenses and registrations must be current in the State of Georgia at the time of submission.
7.5.3 Provide copy(ies) of current State of Georgia architectural and engineering licenses for the firm and proposed sub-consultants.

8.0 INITIAL SCREENING CRITERIA

8.1 Individual Review:

Selection Committee members shall use the RFQ Evaluation Form (Exhibit 2) to document their review and evaluation of the submission in accordance with the criteria listed below.

The Purchasing Department staff will perform during the initial Administration Review a thorough check of

8.1.1 Related Experience (30%) TAB (B)
Major consideration will be given to the successful completion of previous projects comparable in design, scope and complexity.

8.1.1.1 List projects which best illustrate the experience of the firm which utilized the current staff which is being assigned to this project. List projects completed by this firm within the past five years that are similar to services being requested under this RFQ and that were designed in accordance with Georgia DOE criteria and comparable in design, scope and complexity; especially projecting involving K-12 schools and projects involving occupied campuses. (Do not list projects which were not completed by your firm or completed more than 10 years ago). Describe specific services provided by firm.
8.1.1.1.1 Describe project specific attributes that highlight the characteristics of the project.
8.1.1.1.2 The nature of the firm's responsibility on the project.
8.1.1.1.3 Current Project Owner's representative: name, address, telephone and facsimile number.
8.1.1.1.4 Project user's representative name, address, telephone number, and fax number.
8.1.1.1.5 Date project was completed or is anticipated to be completed.
8.1.1.1.6 Size of project (construction gross square feet).
8.1.1.1.7 Cost of project (construction cost).
8.1.1.1.8 Work for which firm's staff was responsible.
8.1.1.1.9 Firm's key professionals involved on the project and who of that staff would be assigned to the Project covered by this RFQ.
8.1.1.1.10 Percentage of change orders on each project that was a result of Errors and Omissions from the documents and the total percentage of all change orders. Percentage to be based on initial bid construction amount.

8.2. **Proposed Project Staff and Functions (20%) TAB (C)**

The quality, experience and quantity of staff and their functions will be evaluated by the Committee. The Committee will also evaluate the firm's capabilities to provide service and any potential negative impact to the project from the location(s) provided. These criteria express the general and specific project related capability of the in-house staff and indicate the adequate depth and abilities of the organization which it can draw upon as needed. This will include management, technical and support staff.

8.2.1 Offeror shall name the actual staff to be assigned to this Project, describe their ability and experience and indicate the function of each within their organization and their proposed role on this Project.
It is the intent that the proposed staff shall be assigned to this project unless otherwise approved by the Senior Director of Facilities Construction or the Executive Director of Facilities Management. The staff shall be present at the time of interview.

8.2.2 Give brief resumes of key persons to be assigned to the Project including, but not limited to, the following:

8.2.2.1 Name and title.
8.2.2.2 Job assignments for other projects.
8.2.2.3 How many years with this firm. For sub-consultants, list prior projects your firm has worked with sub-consultant.
8.2.2.4 How many years with other firms.
8.2.2.5 Experience including types of projects, size of projects (dollar value and square footage of project), and specified project involvement.
8.2.2.6 Education.
8.2.2.7 Active registrations (if any).

8.2.3 Organization Chart: Develop an organization chart as it relates to the Project indicating key personnel, their relationship, and all sub-consultants to be used on this project.
8.2.4 Provide the location of the offices that will be providing the required services. Provide information on the staffing and resources of the main office providing the majority of services. Unauthorized travel costs for Offering firm and sub-consultants will not be considered reimbursable expenses.

8.3 **Financial Capabilities and Cost Control Measures (20%) TAB (D)**

The Selection Committee will evaluate whether the firm has sufficiently demonstrated that they have the necessary financial resources to complete the project, the capabilities to control costs and the history of working proactively to avoid litigation with Owners.

8.3.1 Financial Statement. Include in your Response a copy of the most recently Audited financial statements that is within six months old. If Audited statements are not available, a fiscal year-end Review or Compilation that is within 90 days old is acceptable. If older, an independent interim statement must also be provided.

8.3.2 Insurance Certificate: Offeror must provide letter from its insurer that it has the ability to provide District with lines of coverage as stipulated in attached contract form.

8.3.3 Litigation/Arbitration: Describe all litigation (include the court and location) of any kind involving the firm, its officers or directors with a project owner in excess of $100,000 within the last five (5) years. Also list all disputes resolved by arbitration.

8.4 **Workload (10%) TAB (E)**

8.4.1 As part of the evaluation criteria the Committee will review the firms and their sub-consultants current workload provided in the submittal.

8.4.2 Offeror shall provide a list of outstanding projects, client names, and status of completion, dollars committed on open projects, and overall workload with other owners.

8.5 **Local Business Experience (10%) and/or Minority Business Demonstrated Experience (10%) TAB (F)**

As part of the initial screening, staff from the Purchasing Department will review the Offeror’s past performance and the information requested in Sections 8.5.1, 8.5.2, and 8.5.3 below. The Selection Committee will evaluate Offeror’s history of actual achievement or participation by LMWBE firms on previous projects and its plan for this project.

8.5.1 Indicate if firm is a local business. (Reference RFP, Part II, Section R for definitions of local and MWBE businesses.)

8.5.2 For three to five recent similar projects, provide information summarizing the actual achievement of participation by LMWBE firms. Include owner reference information.

8.5.3 For this project, provide a narrative detailing the firm’s plans to maximize the utilization of qualified local, minority, and women owned business enterprises in compliance with Board policy.

8.6 **Selection Process:**
The Selection Committee members shall meet and review the Responses. The goal of this review is to allow each Selection Committee member the opportunity to fully discuss the Responses. At the conclusion of this meeting, each Selection Committee member shall review his or her evaluations, make any appropriate changes, and submit his or her
RFQ Evaluation Forms to the Selection Committee Chairman. Scores will be formulated to develop a short list of a minimum of three (3) Offerors found to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.

9.0 INTERVIEWS, PRESENTATION, AND FINAL SELECTION

Once the Selection Committee’s short list has been decided, all Offerors will be notified by faxed letter of whether or not they appear on the short list. Those who appear on the short list will be sent a Request for Project Proposal and be invited for interviews before the Selection Committee. Short-listed Offerors may be sent additional project information, site data, and school educational program information, if available. Short-listed Offerors will be sent an invitation to a mandatory site visit of the proposed school.

Responses to the District’s Request for Project Proposals should meet the formatting requirements for Statements of Qualifications described in Section 7.1 above and provide the information requested below in Sections 10.1.1 to 10.1.6. These Responses will be due at a time established by the District. Fee proposals shall be provided in a separate sealed envelope at the conclusion of the interview.

After interviewing the short-listed Offerors and reviewing their Responses to the District’s Request for Project Proposals, the Selection Committee will evaluate the Request for Proposals of the short-listed Offerors using the RFQ Evaluation Form (Exhibit 2) considering the criteria set forth in Sections 10.1.1 to 10.1.6 below. The most qualified Short-listed Offerors will be ranked in priority order of desirability and declared to be the Finalist Offerors. All firms interviewed will be informed of the selection in writing.

The District has established a Compensation Schedule for Architectural Services (Board Policy FGC-E(2)), based on the Stated Cost Limitation of the project. The District reserves the right to negotiate an appropriate fee for any project. Fees shall not exceed amounts approved by the State Board of Education for capital outlay projects.

Following the interview process, the highest-ranked firm will be asked to meet with the Superintendent’s designee to finalize the fees for the HVAC System Replacement at Windsor Forest High School. On successful agreement of the fee structure for HVAC System Replacement at Windsor Forest High School, the firm will be presented to the School Board with a recommendation for appointment to the specific project.

In the event that agreement of the fee structure cannot be reached for the HVAC System Replacement at Windsor Forest High School, the second highest-ranked firm will be asked to meet with the Superintendent’s designee to finalize the fees for Savannah Arts Academy Roofing Project. In the event that agreement of the fee structure cannot be reached, this process will continue until agreement is reached.

10.1 SHORT-LISTED OFFEROR SCREENING CRITERIA

10.1.1 References and History (10%):
Offeror shall submit and discuss its history of providing a positive working relationship with previous clients. The examples must detail challenges the firm has faced and the solutions achieved. The firm is to provide references with contact information. The District reserves the option of contacting any of the references provided to confirm information provided.

10.1.2 Overall Design Concept Approach and Methodology (30%):
Offeror shall demonstrate verbally and graphically how the design approach complies with the requirements of Section 3.1 through 3.3 through a graphic explanation of those
elements cited in Section 3.0 and Section 5.0. The firm shall also describe the services to be provided and the interrelationship of all project parties and consultants.

10.1.3 **Project Team (10%)**: Offeror shall express the general and specific project related experience and capability of in-house staff and sub consultants and their functions as it relates to this project.

10.1.3.1 Organizational Chart: Develop an organization chart as it relates to the Project indicating key personnel and their relationship. It shall be understood that it is the intent of the District to insist that those key personnel indicated as the project team in this RFQ response actually executes the Project.

10.1.3.2 If a joint venture, or prime subcontractor arrangement of two (or more) firms, indicate how the work shall be distributed between the associated firms. Describe how the organizational structure will ensure orderly communications, distribution of information, effective coordination or activities and accountability.

10.1.4 **Cost Control/Value Engineering/Constructability (15%)**: As part of its services, the firm shall indicate knowledge and experience and its VE procedures in the evaluation of building systems, construction techniques and materials to create an optimum value in meeting the design and budget requirements.

10.1.4.2 Offeror shall discuss actual construction costs of the project specified and how many change orders were needed during the construction phase of the project and the dollar value of and reason for those change orders.

10.1.5 **Project Scheduling (15%)**: As part of the project approach, the firm shall propose a schedule for effectively phasing and executing the work in the optimum time. Provide a schedule for the project design submitted and describe any major milestones for achieving the schedule and any other recommendations that may directly impact the schedule.

10.1.6 **Local Implementation Plan (10%) and MWBE Implementation Plan (10%)**

Offeror shall propose their plan for inclusion of local and MWBE firms. Discuss areas of opportunities for local and MWBE participation, programs utilized to encourage participation and any other pertinent information related to this area to demonstrate commitment to a successful program consistent with Board Policy FG.

10.1.7 **Interview**: The Selection Committee shall convene to separately interview the short-listed firms. As part of its interview, each firm shall make a short oral presentation. Selection Committee members shall use the RFQ Evaluation Form (Exhibit 2) to document their review and evaluation of each Presentation, within their respective areas or experience and knowledge.

11.0 **SCHEDULE**

11.1 **Pre-proposal submittal attendance (Mandatory)**. It is the firm’s responsibility to be represented at the Mandatory pre-proposal conference to become fully informed as to the nature and extent of the services required. The Mandatory Pre-Proposal conference will be conducted at 10:00 A.M., March 12, 2015 at Windsor Forest High School, located at 12419 Largo Drive, Savannah, Georgia 31419 as shown in the Schedule of Events (para
11.4) below. Bidders will meet at the front entrance of the facility. An accompanied site visitation will follow. The solicitation document will be reviewed and questions will be addressed at the pre-proposal conference. Statements of Qualifications will not be accepted from any firm that it not represented at the Mandatory Pre-Proposal conference.

11.2 Statements of Qualifications will be accepted up to the Deadline for submission of RFQs as noted in the Schedule of Events in paragraph 11.4 and shall be delivered to and stamped by the District’s Purchasing Department, to the attention of Mrs. Sabrina Scales, Purchasing Director, 208 Bull Street, Room 213, Savannah Georgia, 31401. Late proposals will not be accepted and will be returned to the Offeror unopened.

11.3 The Selection Committee will convene to review and score all submittals. Based on evaluations of Responses, a minimum of three firms may be interviewed at times to be determined. The order of presentation will be chosen at the District’s sole discretion and the firms so notified.

11.4 Schedule of Events:

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11.5 The above schedule of Events represents the District’s best estimate of the schedule to be followed. The District reserves the right to adjust the schedule as it deems necessary.

12.0 LIST OF EXHIBITS

- **Exhibit 1**: Standard Design Professional Services Agreement
- **Exhibit 2**: RFQ Evaluation Form

END OF RFQ