



CITY OF SOUTHPORT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
COMMUNITY BUILDING
FLOORING

Submit Proposals to:

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Southport Community Building

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Physical: 223 E. Bay St., Southport, NC 28461

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1. INVITATION

The City of Southport Community Building (Community Building) invites qualified firms to submit proposals for the provision of flooring repair and upgrade and design services (Services).

2. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

It is the intent of the City of Southport to award an Agreement to the highest ranked Proposer, in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth herein. The term of the Agreement shall commence upon the City of Southport Community Building 's issuance of a written Notice to Proceed and conclude upon the City's final acceptance of the Services.

3. BACKGROUND

The Southport Community Building is a multi-use facility located in historic Southport and provides an impressive backdrop for all occasions. With over 2400 square feet (to be verified by proposer) of flexible space in the main hall, the Community offers the versatility to accommodate groups for seminars, conferences, company parties, annual meetings, reunions, weddings, banquets, trade shows and entertainment events.

4. DEFINITIONS

Whenever the following words occur in this RFP, they shall have the following meanings:

- A. COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSALS is a transparent procurement method in which Proposals from competing contractors, suppliers, or vendors are invited by openly advertising the scope, specifications, and terms and conditions of the proposed Agreement. Award is typically made to the most qualified Proposer or Proposers whose Proposal(s) provides the best value to the Community Building.
- B. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR shall mean the Community Building's Contract Administrator who will be identified after Solicitation award. Any reference to the Contract Administrator in the Agreement shall mean the Contract Administrator or designated representative. The Agreement will be performed under the direction, inspection, and supervision of the Contract Administrator.
- C. CONTRACTOR or CONSULTANT means any person or firm having a Contract with the Community Building.
- D. COMMUNITY BUILDING or CITY shall mean The City of Southport Community Building.
- E. PROPOSER means a corporate entity or individual who responds to this Request for Proposals.
- F. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS or RFP means all documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, utilized for soliciting Proposals. Also referred to as "Solicitation."
- G. SERVICES shall mean the requested services, goods, supplies or equipment.

5. SOLICITATION PROCESS AND PROPOSAL EVALUATION

The Community Building intends to adhere to the following timeline which is subject to change at the discretion of the City:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>
RFP Issued	September 22, 2022
Pre-Proposal Meeting & Site Visit	September 22 – November 30, 2022
Proposal Due Date	November 30, 2022

To be considered for award, each Proposer must provide evidence of their experience, in the form of a case study where design services were rendered, which were like those sought herein.

In addition to the minimum requirements described above, Proposer shall provide information about its company so the City of Southport can evaluate the firm's ability to provide the services set forth in response to this RFP. The City of Southport, at its discretion, may require a Proposer to provide additional information and/or clarify requested information.

6. EXAMINATION OF RFP DOCUMENTS

The selected Proposer will be required to execute a contract with the City of Southport, describing the Scope of Services to be performed, compensation, insurance requirements and other pertinent provisions.

Before submitting its Proposal, each Proposer must examine the RFP documents thoroughly and familiarize itself with any applicable Federal, State, and local laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, and standards affecting provision of the Services.

7. MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING

Proposers are required to attend a Pre-Proposal meeting at the Community Building, located at 223 E. Bay St., Southport, NC 28461. This meeting can be scheduled at your convenience but no later than October 31, 2022.

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM / ADDENDA TO THE SOLICITATION

Each Proposer shall acknowledge receipt of any addendum / addenda to this Solicitation.

10. BASIS OF AWARD

Contract award, if any, shall be made to the highest ranked Proposer, as determined by the City of Southport.

11. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

The City of Southport reserves the right to request additional information and clarifications during the evaluation and selection process from any or all Proposers regarding their proposals.

Following the initial review and evaluation of proposals, some Proposers may be invited to participate in the next step of the proposal selection process. This may include the submission of additional information, as described below, and/or participation in an oral interview.

The capabilities of each Proposer will be assessed on:

- A. Firm's qualifications and experience in providing the specified services for similar operations and/or entities by reviewing the case study submitted.
- B. Firm's understanding of industry standards regarding commercial flooring design.
- C. Experience with applicable commercial flooring design implementation.
- D. Approach to Scope of Services

The Proposer's overall methodology to successfully provide the Services will be assessed for its feasibility, responsiveness to the Scope of Services, effectiveness, and thoroughness.

The Proposer will provide a breakdown of the project by phase, show the estimated hours and hourly rates for each of the Proposers project team member by name or role, and provide the extended cost for each phase with totals for optional and non-optional items, as applicable.

The City of Southport reserves the right to cancel this Solicitation in whole or in part, at its sole discretion, at any time before the Agreement is fully executed. This RFP does not commit the City of Southport to award an Agreement, to pay any costs incurred by Proposers in the preparation of their proposals submitted in response to this RFP, or to procure or contract for services. The City of Southport reserves the right to modify or cancel in whole or in part this RFP, to reject all proposals, to accept the proposal it considers most favorable to the City of Southport's interest at its sole discretion, and to waive irregularities or informalities in any proposal or in the proposal procedures. The City of Southport further reserves the right to reject all proposals and seek new proposals when the City of Southport considers such a procedure to be in its best interest. If there is any evidence indicating that two or more Proposers are in collusion to restrict competition or are otherwise engaged in anti-competitive practices, the proposals of all such Proposers shall be rejected, and such evidence may be a cause for disqualification of the participants in any future solicitations issued by the City of Southport.

The City of Southport reserves the right to hold discussions and/or negotiations with any individual or qualified firm, to interview or not, to request additional information or revised proposals or to request best and final offers if it is in the best interest of the City to do so. However, the City may make an award without conducting any interviews or negotiations; therefore, Proposers are encouraged to submit their best proposal at the outset.

12. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The Proposer shall assume full responsibility for timely delivery at the location designated for receipt of Proposals. We prefer that proposals are sent via email addressed to: adail@cityofsouthport.com. If the Proposal is submitted by mail, the sealed envelope, containing the Proposal, shall be addressed to: Southport Community Building, 1029 N Howe St., Southport, NC 28461. The envelope shall state "PROPOSAL ENCLOSED" and include the Proposer's name and address on the envelope.

Any Proposal received after the deadline for receipt will not be considered for award and will be returned to the Proposer unopened.

13. MODIFICATION, WITHDRAWAL, MISTAKES, AND MINOR INFORMALITIES

Proposals may be modified or withdrawn prior to the established due date via email or mail request.

A Proposer may correct mistakes in a Proposal prior to the time and date set for due date by submitting a replacement Proposal clearly indicating it supersedes the original submittal.

14. EX-PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

There shall be no communication with any officer, director, employee, or agent of the City of Southport or the Community Building, except as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the procedures specified in this RFP. Nothing herein prohibits Proposers and their representatives from making oral statements or presentations in public to one or more representatives of the City of Southport or the Community Building during a public meeting.

15. CONFIDENTIALITY

If Proposer does not request that the City of Southport withhold from disclosure information identified as confidential, the City shall have no obligation to withhold the information from disclosure and may release the information sought without any liability to the City of Southport.

16. COMMUNITY BUILDING RESPONSIBILITIES

The City of Southport shall be responsible for the following:

- A. Access to Community Building facilities during business hours.

B. Coordinate access to Community Building staff.

C. Provide access to all available applicable drawings and related information.

17. PROJECT PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

The City of Southport Community Building (Community Building) invites qualified firms to submit proposals for the provision of flooring repair and upgrade and design services (Services).

The Community Building's current flooring is made of a cherry wood and is over twenty (20) years old. The flooring has been sanded down multiple times due to years of scratching the surface. At this point we have been instructed that the floor is to be replaced, rather than sanded again, as nail heads will begin to appear.

The Community Building is the main building for monthly Aldermen meetings, as well as the host for weddings and other miscellaneous events. Combined, this building sees roughly two hundred (200) events a year with a maximum capacity of two hundred (200) people at each event.

We will need a commercial grade flooring that can withstand this heavy traffic.

We are a fan of the lighter coloring of the current floor, and we would like to color match the cherry, or if that is unavailable, a lighter color to keep the building a neutral canvas for events.

18. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The selected proposer shall perform tasks that include, but are not limited to:

A. Needs Assessment

Inspect, review, and analyze the Community Building's existing flooring.

B. Design Alternatives

Provide summary descriptions together with itemized cost estimates for design alternatives for flooring improvements which meet the operational requirements determined during the Needs Assessment.

C. Bid Package

Provide functional design, technical specifications, and other information necessary for inclusion into the solicitation for the final alternative selected by the Community Building.

19. PROPOSAL CONTENT

The intent of this RFP is to encourage responses that clearly communicate the Proposer's understanding of the requirements of this RFP and the Agreement for Services and its implementation. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by a firm of the conditions contained in this RFP, unless otherwise indicated in the proposal.

A. Letter of Introduction

A signed Letter of Introduction, on company letterhead, introducing the firm and summarizing the firm's qualifications. It should clearly state the firm's understanding of the requirements under this RFP and highlight any unique qualifications.

B. Proposer's Qualifications and Experience

To be considered for award, each Proposer must provide evidence of their experience, in the form of a case study where flooring design services were rendered, which were like our needs.

Describe the firm, its size and organization, and general operational structure, as well as its management and technical personnel.

Identify services the firm has provided to other city buildings.

Describe those aspects of the firm that pertain to the ability to provide superior service for the scope of services described under this RFP.

C. Approach to Scope of Services

The proposal should set forth a comprehensive description of the approach to providing the services and should clearly demonstrate an understanding of the Community Building's requirements.

Provide a preliminary project timeline identifying each of the major tasks and activities to be performed and estimated completion date for each task/activity.

Provide summary descriptions together with itemized cost estimates the design improvements which meet the operational requirements.