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Active Network	Is it within the scope of the solicitation to provide application software to manage interactions with customers such as standalone call logging software? Is this what is meant by "an optional basic CRM application"?	Yes
Active Network	Through our many public sector implementations of CRM solutions it has become evident that managing the ongoing relationship with the customer and resolving more complex issues are vitally important to the overall customer experience. Do you anticipate managing more complex inquiries requiring more evolved application software in addition to standard call logging capability? And if, so would not a more robust CRM application be a worthwhile consideration?	No
Active Network	Could you provide a list of attendees to the pre bid meeting?	This will be published
Active Network	Will you consider extending the submission date for the proposal?	Yes
ANOVA	Is it possible to obtain a list of Prime AE's pursuing this submittal?	A list of participants in the pre-proposal telecon will be posted.
ANOVA	In the RFP (Item F, #1-page 9), we are asked to list our "key sub-service providers, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, Low-voltage and LEED Sustainability (as applicable)... "Are we limited to these disciplines, or can we provide additional consultants?	Additional consultants are fine.

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ANOVA	<p>In regards to No 11, Claims and Disputes on Private and Public Works on the Attachment E Consultant Qualifications Questionnaire - the question is very broad - are you asking for Claims and Disputes related only to Errors and Omissions or are you asking for all claims and disputes related to unresolved job, owner, or consultant disputes. Can you clarify what you consider to be a dispute, i.e. Litigation, Arbitration, Mediation, potential claims, etc. ?</p>	<p>All complains in dispute should be included. Please not if this is confidential.</p>
Anshen	<p>Please confirm if consultants providing structural, mechanical (MEP), low-voltage and LEED/sustainability design services to be included in the SOQ, and no other disciplines at this stage?</p>	<p>All key disciplines should be included</p>
Anshen	<p>Will all questions be posted?</p>	<p>All questions received in writing will be posted, with answers.</p>
Anshen	<p>Please clarify who is required to complete Attachment E, Consultant Qualifications - Questionnaire - Just the Architect Engineer point of contact or all proposed team members too.</p>	<p>Attachment E pertains to the Architectural Firm itself, not individual team members.</p>
Anshen + Allen	<p>We understand this form needs to be submitted by the architect and each one of their prime engineering consultants: please confirm?</p>	<p>Complete forms as required</p>

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AXIA Architects	Seeing as the date for the Webinar was pushed back by a week and answers won't be published until 2/22 at the earliest, has the due date for the RFQ been extended?	Consult the posted RFQ Schedule
Barcelon & Jang	Submission Date Will you consider extending the submission date for the proposal?	Consult the published RFQ Schedule
Barcelon & Jang	I may have mis-understood, but did you just say that the deadline for submission will be extended by 3 days? If so, does that mean Feb. 29 vs the current Feb 26?	Consult the RFP Schedule posted to this website.
Binder Architects	When do you plan to issue the IDIQ request that you mentioned?	Currently posted on our website.
Binder Architects	Please clarify who is required to complete Attachment E, Consultant Qualifications Questionnaire – Just the Architect-Engineer Point of Contact or all proposed team members too.	<u>Attachment E pertains to the Architectural Firm itself, not individual team members.</u>
BSK Associates	Regarding the Request for Qualifications for A&E – Major Capital Projects SB1407, Groups 2A, B, 2010. I am trying to identify the due date and having trouble finding it in the RFP. Can you please specify?	Due dates listed on the web page
Cannon Design	Will there be credits offered to DVBE qualified companies?	DVBE program participation is not being graded.

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CARRIER JOHNSON + CULTURE	<p>In Section F, #3 ,must we use multiple pages for projects? Can we put images on the text page? This item seems specifically relevant as the RFQ stated they would like us to "provide straightforward, concise information that satisfies the requirements noted above and the criteria for point ranking listed below. Extensive color displays and/or graphics are not necessary.</p> <p>Emphasis should be place on brevity, conformity to instructions, requirements of this RFQ as well as the completeness and clarity of content. It also would apply if we are allowed to include active, unbuilt projects which we believe are relevant to our SOQ for a particular project and would support our claims to geographic relevance. It would make sense, then to submit a single SF330 Project Page with text and a rendering instead of multiple pages</p>	Each project should be a separate page
Charles M Salter Associates	Is there a page limit for our introductory Letter?	1 page preferred but two page accepted.
Christopher A. Joseph & Associates	<p>Section 4.0 F.3: SF330 Projects</p> <p>The RFQ asks us to only include in the SF 330 Form Projects that have been completed in the past 10 years. If we are currently working on a project that is especially relevant to this RFQ and has completed DD and will commence construction soon, may we include it among the projects we feature in the SF 330 Form?</p>	If you are referring to one of our projects, then the answer is yes.

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CO	Will the site acquisition and pre-design for these projects not begin until January 2012 (site acquisition/pre-design: 2 years, starting after 1/1/10), with schematic design not beginning until January 2013? If that is correct, then the projects will be completed after the completion dates stated in the RFQ. Please clarify	Site acquisition begins immediately with other phases to follow per the published schedule
CO	Do we need to submit litigation history/Payee Data Record form/introductory letter on disks for EACH of the projects we are pursuing? For example, if we decide to pursue 3 of the projects, does the AOC require 6 disks containing this same information	The technical questionnaire and litigation history needs to be provided with each submission, separately. Please note if the information is confidential.
Co Architects	Is there a preference for using only an outside LEED/Sustainability consultant or can this consultant be internal?	It can be internal or external
Co Architects	This rfp is for the design of 9 new courthouses. Landscape architecture does not seem to be required at this point. When will the primes be adding landscape to their teams?	landscape should be included
Condor Earth Technologies	We would like to know who will be submitting Proposals for the Courthouses in Tuolumne County and Merced County, because we have Geotechnical offices in those counties. Is that information available?	We will not publish the list of submitted SOQs, but we will publish the list of firms participating in the Webinar
Condor Earth Technologies, Inc.	Again in Attachment E, for question #12, do you want us to list this information in the Attachment for each project, or can we list this project information in Section F of the SF 330 form instead?	List information on the form SF330
CRESTRON	For the Commercial Lighting and Audio/Visual portion of all the court projects, is there a way to meet or submit our technology solution directly to the AOC?	Product information may be sent directly to the AOC, but consulting services must be under the architect.

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Crestron West, Inc.	Is there a preference for local firms? Would the AOC consider associations with firms outside of the State?	Must be licensed in California
Crestron West, Inc.	Would the geotech design firm if selected as part of the contract be disqualified from providing materials testing during construction?	On the same project, yes.
Design West Eng.	For the Commercial Lighting and Audio/Visual portion of all the court projects. is there a way to meet or submit our technology solution directly to the AOC? Our company leads the United States in courtroom technology, as well as law school trial rooms, Emergency Operations Centers, Dept. of Homeland Security, The Pentagon, Microsoft, Apple etc., For all audio/visual needs. If left up to the GC or Architect, a proposal could come your way that leaves out current and future technology. Our systems, are designed to always be on the forefront of technology, and easily expandable or upgradeable to the newest technology.	No
Development One, Inc.	Section 4.0 - SF 330 Section E Can resumes include projects not yet constructed and studies?	No
Dreyfuss & Blackford Architects	In the contract under Section A.5(vii), (viii), (vix) 6. & on page A-17 (ii) it is required that the Architect contract for geotechnical services. This requirement goes industry best practices and we have been advised by counsel to remove this requirement. Will the removal of this requirement be acceptable to the AOC?	No
EHDD Architecture	For projects listed on Section E-Resumes or Section F - Projects, if there is not a completion date (i.e. it is noted N/A or In	No

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Fee Munson Ebert Architecture	For Section F of the SF330 (Relevant Project Experience), can we submit relevant un-built projects?	No
FME Architects	Seeing as the date for the Webinar was pushed back a week and the answers to the questions won't be submitted until 2/22 at the earliest, has the due date for the RFQ been extended	The due date will be extended.
FME Architecture + Design	The RFP indicates that Section F - Project Experience should reflect projects completed in the "last ten years" does this 10 year rule apply to the projects listed in Section E - Resumes also? Or can projects in resumes have an older completion date? (i.e. more than 10 years since completion)	No clear
FMG Architects	Is there any SBE requirement or goal for any of these projects?	No SBE requirement or goal.
FMG Architects	Is there a limit to the number of projects a firm will be considered for?	No.
FMG Architects	Contract C.11 regarding indemnity and the breach of obligations under the agreement, we would ask that this language become the specific subject of discussion and clarification as a part of the negotiation process, is this acceptable?	No.
FMG Architects	Does the professional liability insurance limits need to be in place at the time of submittal of the RFQ or at the time of award of the contract?	No. However, this must be in place at the time a contract is signed and prospective participants are advised to make certain that they can provide this before making proposals.
FMG Architects	Do you get point consideration for being a DVBE prime? or do the points only come from hiring a DVBE subconsultant?	No. No points whatsoever are awarded for DVBE participation, nor are DVBE commitment forms due at this time.

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FMG Architects	Section 4E (pg. 9) - will DVBE participation be considered in this initial RFQ process?	No. No points whatsoever are awarded for DVBE participation, nor are DVBE commitment forms due at this time.
FMG Architects	We do not carry the insurance limits specified in the RFQ, but can easily obtain this coverage. Would the AOC like to see a written statement of our ability to secure these limits? On which Disk/Flash should we include the written statement?	No. Not requested.
FMG Architects	Is BIM required for MEP consultants?	Used as appropriate per project.
FMG Architects	Can resumes include projects not yet constructed and studies?	No
FMG Architects	Can project examples be under construction?	Yes
FORELL/ELSESSER ENGINEERS, Inc	<p>Since the AOC has now included the State of California's requirement for 3% DVBE participation for the first time in this current RFQ, will the AOC also consider the Governor's SB Executive Order S-02-06 ? This proclaims, "It is the State of California's policy to promote small business participation in its procurement and contracting processes by requiring all State agencies, departments, boards and commissions to achieve a goal of 25 percent small business participation in state procurements and contracts."</p> <p>Please include reasons in your response, whether the answer is Yes or No.</p>	As a judicial branch agency, the AOC encourages participation by small and local businesses in our procurements for A/E services, however, there is no participation requirement or goal.
Forell/Elsesser Engineers, Inc.	<p>Page 8. Section 4.0 C, Payee Data Record form prime service provider. Please advise if this form is also required to be submitted by the engineering consultants.</p> <p>We understand this form needs to be submitted by the architect as the</p>	One for the prime contractor

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General Question	Please confirm that each submittal shall consist of a total of 4 Disks (or Flash Drives) and ONE hard copy of the Payee Data Record and ONE hard copy of the introductory Letter	One set of 2 disks for each Project. Only one set of 2 Disks with Litigation History and other information, as requested.
General Question	Page 8. Section 4.0 C, Payee Data Record form We understand this form needs to be submitted by the architect as the prime service provider. Please advise if this form is also required to be submitted by the engineering consultants.	Only by the firm submitting the proposal to the AOC.
General Question	You just said something about built projects on Section F; can we use a project if it is still in design or currently in construction if it is relevant? - Laura DeSisto, Marketing Coordinator, Safdie Rabines Architects	Only include built project, but those currently in construction is okay.
General Question	Is there any information available on the currently proposed sites for all the projects?	Per feasibility studies published on the website
General Question	For Attachment E, question #4, are you looking for the firm's professional California business license or the CA Architectural license number for each individual project team member listed in our qualifications?	Per requirement as listed
General Question	Could you please be more specific on how you rate the familiarity with geographic location and local culture?	Per the criteria.
General Question	We are a LEED consulting firm holding the following certifications:SWBE, DBE, SB. How can we identify A & E firms who may be interested in our sub-consulting services?	Please consult the list of our telcon participants for firms that are interested in providing proposals to the AOC under this procurement.
General Question	What is the time line: RFQ, Short-list, Interview, Proposal, and Final Award(s)?	Please monitor the Project Schedule on our website.

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General Question	Is there a specific time on February 26th that the proposal is due? Do we need submit a hard copy of the Payee Data Form as well as a PDF? If we are submitting for several projects under the same RFP, is the packaging each project in a separate envelope or all project submittals in a single envelope?	Please monitor the RFP Schedule for this information. Yes. All in one envelope is fine.
General Question	3.2.a states that "the Service Provider can be used as an overflow to route callers to a remote or home agent, when corporate ACD is fully employed or under a certain event, such as call spikes, after hours or disaster recovery." Does the state refer to remote or home agents in the employ of the service provider? If the state does intend to permit calls to be handled by service provider employees, how are such services accounted for in Attachment C.	Not applicable to this SOQ
General Questions	Section 3.3 May we also confirm that the AOC/OCCM is <u>NOT</u> requesting EIR or EIS specialty consultant services at this time?	Yes
General Questions	Section 3.4 ... or Parking Structure or specialty traffic or transportation consultant services ... ?	Yes
General Questions	Section 3.5 mentions "survey for existing facilities"; is there some way to quantify this scope of service, as in how many "existing facilities the team might be expected to be "surveying"?	Each team should include survey for each project
General Questions	Section 3.6 mentions "geotechnical engineering, land surveys, ... parking structure design, parking revenue control, and art ... where appropriate" which seems to conflict (some?) with sections 3.4 and 3.5. Does the AOC/OCCM expect to have all of these consultants – especially Geotechnical, Land surveyors and parking structure - enlisted in the RFQ submittal (for the New Hanford Courthouse)?	Yes

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Group Delta Geotechnical	Will the due date for the RFQ change based on the fact the Webinar and date for posting answers to our questions has changed?	Please monitor the website for updates to the Schedule.
Guttmann & Blaevoet, Consulting Engineers	Prebid Vendors Conference Could you provide a list of attendees to the pre bid meeting?	Posted along with these Questions and Answers.
Halcrow Yolles	I was looking for the SOQ schedule of deadlines for Superior Courts of CA. Is this something you can provide to me?	Posted in the website
Halcrow Yolles	Do you have any idea what day next week the list of participants will be posted?	Posting will be done with responses
Harley Ellis Devereaux	Will the site acquisition and pre-design for these projects not begin until January 2012 (site acquisition/pre-design: 2 years, starting after 1/1/10), with schematic design not beginning until January 2013? If that is correct then the projects will be completed after the completion dates stated in the RFQ. Please clarify.	Project funded through this solicitation are funded to start acquisition now.
Harley Ellis Devereaux	Must we include a 2nd SF330 page? There are several projects that are recent commissions that are either still in design or are in construction and it doesn't seem that a second page would be necessary or appropriate.	Provide second page as appropriate
Harley Ellis Devereaux	Will the architect be chosen based on the combined scores from both the SOQ submittal and the interview?	Question answered below.
Harley Ellis Devereaux	In the Scope of Work, nothing was mentioned re: having a waterproofing consultant on the A/E team. Do you see that as a need for any of these projects?	Required as appropriate

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HKS Architects	<p>Page 7: Section 4.0 A, Statement of Qualifications (attachment E)</p> <p>We understand this form needs to be submitted by the architect and each one of their prime engineering consultants: please confirm?</p>	<p><u>Attachment E pertains to the Architectural Firm itself, not individual team members.</u></p>
HKS Architects, Inc.	<p>Also, must the SF330 projects page be two pages? I know text is required on the first page; can we have images on the first page as well?</p>	See above
HKS Architects, Inc.	<p>On the pre-proposal call, unbuilt projects used as samples projects for Section F seemed to be discouraged. Can we include unbuilt projects if they are currently in design (ie construction documents) or in construction</p>	See above
HKS Inc.	<p>Is there any information available on the currently proposed sites for all the projects?</p>	See the published project feasibility studies
HKS Inc.	<p>In the contract under section A.5.(vii), (viii), (vix) 6. & on page A-17 (ii) it is required that the Architect contract for geotechnical services. This requirement goes industry best practices and we have been advised by counsel to remove this requirement. Will the removal of this requirement be acceptable to the AOC?</p>	Geotechnical services must be included per the RFQ
HMC	<p>The RFP indicates that Section F – Project Experience should reflect projects completed in the “last ten years”, does this 10 year rule apply to the projects listed in Section E - Resumes also? or can projects in resumes have an older completion date? (i.e. more than 10 years since completion)</p>	Per the RFQ

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HMC	Does a project shown in Section F need to be complete in the last ten years for both professional services and construction? or can it be complete just for the design phase with construction still showing "in progress"?	Unbuilt projects should not be included
HMC	For projects listed on Section E – Resumes or Section F – Projects, if there is not a completion date (i.e. it is noted N/A or In Progress) for professional services and/or construction services, will the project be considered responsive?	The projects must be in construction or completed.
HMC Architects	Please confirm if the AOC only wants consultants providing structural, mechanical (MEP), low-voltage and LEED/sustainability design services to be included in the SOQ?	See above
HMC Architects	Please confirm if the AOC only wants consultants providing structural, mechanical (MEP), low-voltage and LEED/sustainability design services to be included in the SOQ?	See above
HMC Architects	4.0 F, 1 (pages 9-10 of the RFQ) states that we should "Identify...only key sub-service providers, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, low-voltage and LEED/Sustainability. Should we assume that including any other subconsultants will render our submittal non-responsive? Specifically, is a civil engineer not considered a "key" sub-service provider?	See above
HMC Architects	4.0,F,1 p 9-10 states "Identify...only key sub-service providers, Struct, Mech, Elect, low-volt and LEED/Sustainability" Will including any other subs render our submittal non-responsive? Specifically, is civil not considered a "key" sub provider?	See above

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Huntsman Architectural Group	Are comments of the Agreement form allowed?	See above.
Huntsman Architectural Group	If we have some language changes in the indemnity section of the contract can that be reviewed prior to the RFQ submittal?	See answer above.
Interactive Resources, Inc.	When will the RFQ for the historic renovation work be released - after the interviews for these nine new courthouses? Is it AOC's goal to have contracts in fiscal year? place for all of the FY 09/10 projects by the end of this	See proposed dates on the website
KMD	Section F, completing the Standard Form 330, Does the AOC / OCCM want to define who exactly the "key sub-service providers" would be for this SOQ? (Section F seems to indicate that "the Architect and only key sub-service providers" need to provide detailed information with the Form 330. This section goes on to identify "Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, low-voltage and LEED/Sustainability" as such "key sub-service providers". Would "sub-service" providers also include other consultants such as Geotechnical, Programming, Cost Estimating, Landscape, land-use, etc., or would these consultants merely be included in an organizational chart to complete the SOQ?)	Defining the key consultants is up to each prime architect. This should include the services you have listed as sub-service providers.
KMD Architects	When will the list of Participants be posted? Will the potential "Prime Consultants" be identified in the list of Participants?	See responses above
KMD Architects	What parties will be reviewing the proposals, and will they include representatives from the local courts.	See RFQ
KMD Architects	Section 3.2	

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KMD Architects	The RFQ seems to be calling for Full Services from the A/E community – which we think is great and we’re quite ready and willing to provide such but may we confirm that the AOC/OCCM is <u>NOT</u> requesting specialty real estate or land-use or financial/economical/feasibility consultant services at this time?	Yes
Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates PC	Since there are three groups reviewing the proposals, can you indicate which projects will be reviewed by each AOC region?	Since there are three groups--projects will be reviewed per designated region. See AOC website for regional breakdown
LIONAKIS	Do all of the sub-consultants need to maintain the same level of insurance as the prime architect without regard to the role or scope of services?	Subcontractor insurance is separate per contract
Lionakis	Is there a specific time on February 26th that the proposal is due?	See the website updates
Lionakis	Do we need submit a hard copy of the Payee Data Form as well as a PDF?	Submit per the RFQ
Lionakis	If we are submitting for several projects under the same RFQ, is the packaging each project in a separate envelope.	All the submissions can come together

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McGinnis Chen Associates	<p>Since the AOC has now included the State of California's requirement for 3% DVBE participation for the first time in this current RFQ, will the AOC also consider the Governor's SB Executive Order S-02-06? This proclaims, It is the State of California's policy to promote small business participation in its procurement and contracting processes by requiring all State agencies, departments, boards and commissions to achieve a goal of 25 percent small business participation in state procurements and contracts.</p> <p>Please include reasons in your response, whether the answer is Yes or No</p>	<p><u>As a judicial branch agency, the AOC encourages participation by small and local businesses in our procurements for A/E services, however, there is no participation requirement or goal.</u></p>
McGinnis Chen Associates	<p>I see DVBE participation requirements only. Is disadvantage business enterprise (MBE/DBE/SBE) participation encouraged?</p> <p>How many teams are being planned to be selected?</p>	<p>The AOC wants to encourage disadvantaged business enterprise participation, but this is not a requirement to make a Proposal, nor is it graded in determining awards.</p>
Merrill Morris Partners	<p>Who will be submitting Proposals for the Courthouses in Tuolumne County and Merced County, because we have Geotechnical Offices in those counties. Is that information available?</p>	<p>The AOC will not know in advance of submission which firms will submit for which projects. A list of all firms that participated in the telcon has been posted.</p>

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Merrill Morris Partners Landscape Architecture	Has paragraph C.12 - Indemnity been reviewed by providers of professional liability insurance as to its insurability? Will the major providers allow their architect clients to sign agreements containing this clause?	The indemnity clause in use has been used for the last 4 years by the AOC. The AOC recognizes that some firms may not be able to insure themselves to these limits. It is a business decision for such firms to decide whether to participate or not.
Perspective Security Consulting & Design Services	Has the Indemnification clause, paragraph C.12 of Exhibit C, General Terms and Conditions been reviewed by providers of professional liability insurance as to its insurability? Will the major insurance providers allow their client firms to sign an agreement that contains this clause?	The indemnity clause in use has been used for the last 4 years by the AOC. The AOC recognizes that some firms may not be able to insure themselves to these limits. It is a business decision for such firms to decide whether to participate or not.
Rachlin Architects	Do all of the sub-consultants need to maintain the same level of insurance as the prime architect without regard to role or scope of services	The insurance required for subconsultants is a business matter between the Architect and its subcontractors. The AOC does not specify these levels of insurance.
RATCLIFF	Does the professional liability insurance limits need to be in place at the time of response to the RFQ or at the time of contract award?	The insurance required must be in place only when the contract for the work is signed, not before.
RATCLIFF	Does the Professional Liability Insurance limits need to be in place at time of response to the RFQ or at the time of contract award	The insurance required must be in place only when the contract for the work is signed, not before.

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RATCLIFF	Do we need to submit litigation history/Payee Data Record form/introductory letter on disks for EACH of the projects we are pursuing? For example, if we decide to pursue 3 of the projects, does the AOC require 6 disks containing this same information?	The RFQ asks for one set of 2 disks or drives (identical copies) that contain both the Litigation History requested in 4.0 B and copies of the other Written Materials requested in 4.0 C. The SOQ disks should not contain this information.
Ratcliff	Will the architect be chosen based on the combined scores from both the SOQ submittal and the interview?.	The SOQs will be evaluated and a short list chosen based on that evaluation. Short listed firms will be interviewed and scores will be adjusted based on the additional information learned in the interview process.
RATCLIFF	Contract Article C.11 regarding indemnification could be interpreted to obligate the Architect to defend the State in a variety of circumstances, some of which appear to be beyond the scope of any professional liability coverage currently available. We would ask that these provisions and the cost of mitigating the risk of such circumstances be further discussed as a part of the contract award process. Is this acceptable?	The State recognizes that this is the case. The decision to participate under these conditions is your business decision. The Indemnification Clause is not negotiable.
RATCLIFF	Regarding Item 4.C - Cover Letter: If there is language within the Standard Agreement that we believe needs to be negotiated, will it be acceptable to qualify this in responding to the cover letter requirements?	The terms and conditions that form the basis of the legal agreement are not negotiable. The Statement of Work will be customized for the individual projects via the AOC's Project Manager post selection of vendors for contracts.

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RATCLIFF	Contract Article C.25 deals with dispute resolution and we would ask that this subject matter be made a part of the contract clarification and negotiation process, Is this acceptable?	This dispute resolution process is a standard that has been used at the AOC for a number of years and is not negotiable.
RATCLIFF	Specifically in reference to the Yreka Courthouse Project, would a local firm's experience and normal business contact with local governmental agencies and decision makers (County, City and/or State) in any way decrease the evaluation score of a proposing team? We have heard that firms with absolutely no local presence may be preferred for political reasons	This is not applicable to the criteria
Ratcliff	What about the LEED 2.1 question?	This should be LEED 3.1
RATCLIFF	you please clarify/confirm our understanding below:	Title on Litigation History disks or flashdrives should read "Your Firm Name" (can be abbreviated) - the words "Litigation History" and - "OCCM-2009-09-JMG" .
RATCLIFF	The instructions for labeling the CD's/Flash Drives are confusing. Could	Title on SOQ disks or flashdrives should read "Your Firm Name" (can be abbreviated) - "Name of Project You are submitting for" (can be abbreviated) - "OCCM-2009-09-JMG" .
Ratcliff	Is BIM required of Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing team members?	Used as appropriate per project
RBF Consulting	Section 3.15 Is BIM required for MEP consultants?	Used as appropriate per project
RL Binder Architecture & Planning	If a project experience is in construction phase, can we submit as part of our 10 project list?	Yes
Safdie Rabines Architects	Section 4.0 SF 330 Section F Can project examples be under construction?	Yes

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Safdie Rabines Architects	Does a project shown in Section F need to be complete in the last ten years for both professional services and construction? Or can it be complete just for the design phase with construction still showing "in progress"?	Yes
Safdie Rabines Architects	Does the AOC / OCCM want to define who exactly the "key sub-service providers" would be for this SOQ? (Section F seems to indicate that "the Architect and only key sub-service providers" need to provide detailed information with the Form 330. This section goes on to identify "Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, low-voltage and LEED/Sustainability" as such "key sub-service providers". Would "sub-service" providers also include other consultants such as Geotechnical, Programming, Cost Estimating, Landscape, land-use, etc., or would these consultants merely be included in an organizational chart to complete the SOQ?)	Yes
Safdie Rabines Architects	Also in Attachment E, there is reference to the Affidavit on page 6 -- are you referring to the Affidavit on page 38?	Yes
Safdie Rabines Architects	The RFQ requests a resume/SF330, Part I, Section E for the principal-in-charge and project engineer from each sub-service provider. Listing all team members in Section G may exceed one page. Would you prefer we list only the individuals who participated in projects included in Part I Section F, only firm names (rather than individual names) in Section G, or can Section G exceed one page?	Yes

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Sharrah Dunlap Sawyer	Specifically in reference to the Yreka Courthouse Project, would a local firm's experience and normal business contact with local governmental agencies and decision makers (County, City, and and/or State) in any way decrease the evaluation score of a proposing team? We have heard that firms with absolutely no local presence may be preferred for political reasons.	This will be evaluated on a case by case basis.
Sharrah Dunlap Sawyer, Inc.	USGBC LEED certification is indicated. Will the design team be responsible for the LEED Commissioning Authority (CxA) as a part of their team or will the AOC's CM employ the CxA as an independent part of their services?	Yes
Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP	Should teams include a geotechnical engineering firm on their proposal submittal?	Yes
Stafford King Wiese	If our firm is selected to provide program / construction management services for the courts construction program, can we provide engineering services as a subconsultant on an architectural team?	Yes, providing that the services are being provided on different projects. On the same project, no.
Stafford King Wiese	Do all of the projects listed have the same solicitation number?	Yes.
Stafford King Wiese	Will the pre-proposal sign-in sheet be posted after this session?	Yes.

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Stafford King Wiese	With regards to the projects listed on the 330 Form, can we use our subconsultants' projects as some of the 10, even if we, as the architect, did not work on that project?	You should use the project that best demonstrate the skill and experience of the team-keep in mind that compared to your peers, providing projects on which you have not worked directly may not best demonstrate your qualifications under the criteria for selection
Stafford King Wiese	Since LEED 2.1 is no longer a valid rating, are you going to update your certification level?	The projects will be designed to LEED Version 3 and we will revise the RFQ accordingly
Stafford King Wiese	We do not carry the insurance limits specified in the RFQ, but can easily obtain this coverage. Would the AOC like to see a written statement of our ability to secure these limits? On which Disk/Flash Drive should we include the written statement?	This can be included in the written statement
Stafford King Wiese	The RFQ requests a resume/SF330, Part I, Section E for the principal-in-charge and project engineer from each sub-service provider. Listing all team members in Section G may exceed one page. Would you prefer we list only the individuals who participated in projects included in Part I Section F, only firm names (rather than individual names) in Section G, or can Section G exceed one page?	See above
Stafford King Wiese	Shall we include an SF330, Part II for each firm on our proposed team? Or is the AOC only interested in seeing an SF330, Part II from the prime firm?	Key subconsultants should be included in the form
Stafford King Wiese	Contract Article A.5a – To what extent does the AOC expect the incorporation of information from land surveys, geotechnical reports and other consultants to be integrated in the working drawings?	That information will be included in the project

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Stafford King Wiese	Contract Article A.5a, paragraph xv, obligates the architect to field check and document "all" existing conditions, please clarify and define the extent of the check and documentation.	Per contract
Stafford King Wiese	Contract Article C.11 regarding indemnification could be interpreted to obligate the Architect to defend the State in a variety of circumstances, some of which appear to be beyond the scope of any professional liability coverage currently available. We would ask that these provisions and the cost of mitigating the risk of such circumstances be further discussed as a part of the contract award process. Is this acceptable?	No
Stafford King Wiese	Contract Article C.11 regarding indemnity and the breach of obligations under the agreement, we would ask that this language become the specific subject of discussion and clarification as a part of the negotiation process, is this acceptable?	No
Steinberg Architects	Could you please amplify how the geographic breadth is scored?	The score will be assigned, per the criteria of the RFQ
Steinberg Architects	Are technology standards in the facility design guidelines being considered. Specifically security systems standards appear outdated when considering the life cycle of these facilities	Update to the Facilities Standards regarding technology will be available.
Steinberg Architects	Please confirm that you are not seeking any CEQA consulting services in this RFQ. Section 3.3 of the RFQ seems to be unclear on this matter.	CEQA will be done by consultants directly contracted by the AOC, however, the A&E teams may contribute to the CEQA effort during acquisition.

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Steinberg Architects	Additionally, our commercial lighting and Audio/Video solutions will help the AOC achieve the LEED points needed. Please let me know who or how I can get this information to someone at the AOC.	A specialist needs to propose directly through the A&E team, however, if you are a product representative you may provide us with your literature directly.
Steinberg Architects	What are the key sub-service providers required for the RFQ.	Per the RFQ
Steinberg Architects	Does the architect need to be the prime or can the engineer be the prime for the team?	The architect needs to be the prime.
Steinberg Architects	Will the architect be chosen based on the combined scores from both the SOQ submittal and the interview?.	Per Section 7 of the RFQ
Steinberg Architects	Please confirm if the AOC only wants consultants providing structural, mechanical (MEP), low-voltage and LEED/sustainability design services to be included in the SOQ?	Include key consultants as appropriate per the RFQ
Steinberg Architects	Will the architect for each of the projects be chosen based on the <u>combined</u> scores from both the SOQ submittal and the interview, or just only the scores from the interview.	Selection is per the RFQ
Steinberg Architects	Please confirm if the AOC only wants consultants providing structural, mechanical (MEP), low-voltage and LEED/sustainability design services to be included in the SOQ, and the other consultants (i.e. civil, lighting, signage) to be named upon award of the project?	All subconsultants should be identified in RFQ
Taylor Teter	USGBC LEED certification is indicated. Will the design team be responsible for the LEED Commissioning Authority (CxA) as a part of their team or will the AOC's CM employee the CxA as an independent part of their services?	The design team is responsible for this scope

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Taylor Teter Partnership	Will we be able to get the list of the attendees? Kate Nilus Guttman & Blaevoet	The list of attendees will be published
The EcoLogic Studio LLC	Can a consultant be on multiple teams for the same project if invited by different architects?	Yes
TLCD Architecture	Can a team pursue more than one project? Is it a requirement to have individual submissions for each pursuit?	There is no limit to the number of projects you pursue, however, separate submission need to be made for each project.
TLCD Architecture	Will site selections be completed before selection of A/E team? Prior to contract w/A/E team?	Architects will be brought on contract during site selection.
TMAD TAYLOR & GAINES	Do form 330's apply to all subconsultants, as well as A/E?	Yes
Treadwell & Rollo	Will projects be registered w/USGBC?	Yes
Treadwell & Rollo	Should teams include a geotechnical engineering firm on their proposal submittal?	Yes
Treadwell & Rollo, Inc.	The RFP indicates that Section F – Project Experience should reflect projects completed in the “last ten years”, does this 10 year rule apply to the projects listed in Section E - Resumes also? or can projects in resumes have an older completion date? (i.e. more than 10 years since completion)	Within the last 10 years

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Umerani Associates, Inc.	When will the RFQ for the phase of renovation work be released? After the interviews for these nine new courthouses?	RFQ will be released as the projects are approved and funded.
URS Corp	In the scope of services nothing was listed re: the need for waterproofing consulting on the A/E team. Do you see that as a need on these projects?	
URS Corp	these are 9 new courthouses, but landscape architecture is not a required subconsultant discipline. Can you explain why it's not needed now and when it will be added?	Landscape consulting is required
URS Corp	Do subcontractors complete Attachment E or just the primary architect?	<u>Attachment E pertains to the Architectural Firm itself, not individual team members.</u>
West Group Architects	When list of architects be posted? Will the potential prime consultants be identified in the list of participants?	The list will be posted in the website as an update, however, we cannot say who the potential of prime consultants will include until all the SOQ are evaluated.
Westgroup Designs, Inc.	Who are the parties that will be reviewing the proposals? Will it include representatives of the local Courts?	AOC staff will review the proposals-- Courts will participate in the interviews.
Westgroup Designs, Inc.	Section 3.18 indicate to Trial Court Design Standards. can we access this from your website?	Yes

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WRNS	4.0, F, 1 (pages 9-10 of the RFQ) states that we should "Identify...only key sub-service providers, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, low-voltage and LEED / Sustainability." Should we assume that including any other subconsultants will render our submittal non-responsive? Specifically, is a civil engineer not considered a "key" sub-service provider?	All subconsultants should be identified in RFQ
WRNS Studio	Since we were not able to obtain a debriefing from our previous submittal, it would difficult to make sure we improve our response and be more competitive. couple of questions: do you spect to schedule a debriefing for the last RFQs, I though I heard NO.?	No further debriefings will be held for prior solicitations. A debriefing process will be published for this solicitation.
WRNS Studio	Do you expect to have another round of RFQs opportunities like this, for this or next year?	Per the schedule on the website.
WRNS Studio	Would you consider postponing the RFQ deadline?	Revisions will be posted
ZGF Architects LLP	4.0, F, 1 (pages 9-10 of the RFQ) states that we should "Identify...only key sub-service providers, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical, low-voltage and LEED / Sustainability." Should we assume that including any other subconsultants will render our submittal non-responsive? Specifically, is a civil engineer not considered a "key" sub-service provider?	Include subconsultants which are key to the project team.