

Upcoming Architect – Engineering Service Projects

Questions and Answers from virtual meeting on December 11, 2025

1. How can I get a copy of the RFP?

Contact the appropriate Procurement Officer and request to be placed on the bidlist.

2. How do I get added to the bid list?

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3. Will any of those opportunities leverage the SCMC A/E Services contracts?

At this time, no. UT-Battelle is not an approved user of SCMC agreements.

4. Are there any needs for Software Architecture & Design?

Not for today's presentation. However, our design team members routinely consider possible commercial software solutions for meeting their needs and will seek sources for those as they come up.

5. Can you talk about the logic of issuing this contract as a BOA rather than a single contract?

Answering this will be dependent on each project need. However, on larger projects it is common for us to use a BOA approach. It allows us to break down tasks to sizes that can be FFP once the scope of a task is well defined. In this BOA approach, we usually do have at least one T&M task order for post-design support during construction.

6. Will UCOR be in charge of handling the air and nearby necessary groundwater sampling for the new RPF building?

Details like this would be spelled out in the SOW of the specific project.

7. Can we meet with the POs, one on one, to answer questions or only during the Q & A period?

Questions for each RFP should be handled in accordance with the Questions section of the RFP. Unless interviews are spelled out for the proposal evaluation process, we do not meet one-on-one with potential offerors once the RFP is issued to ensure fairness and transparency in the procurement process.

8. The conceptual RPF design and Hot Cell design were originally awarded to other firms; will they be conflicted out of bidding these full designs?

Each A/E design RFP will specify whether prior participation in conceptual or preliminary design efforts impacts offeror eligibility.

9. Having all these RFPs issued in parallel will make it very hard to bid multiple opportunities. Any consideration of spreading them out at all?

We understand the concern, which is why we held this meeting in an effort to provide early visibility to the small business community to assist with effective planning and prioritizing.

Unfortunately, we cannot stagger these opportunities any more than we have done already. RPF and GCF projects are moving quickly. However, the two RFPs that John Phelps presented on are for 5-year BOAs where tasks are not yet determined. The need to identify Key Personnel will be different for these two BOAs vs. the project-specific ones like RPF and GCF.

10. Mod Hot Cell - Do the 3 on-staff TN PEs need to be on the Prime Contractor staff or can they be on subcontractors?

The RFP will specify key personnel requirements. Teaming arrangements are allowed.

11. Are these opportunities in the nuclear categorization?

That is specific to each procurement. Please reference the slides or RFP.

12. Will solicitation responses be submitted using the Ariba portal?

Yes. You must be registered in Ariba and on the procurement's bidlist in order to access the RFP. Contact the appropriate Procurement Officer to express interest in being placed on the bidlist.

13. Is it acceptable for large firms to be subcontractors to small businesses for the small business BOA's?

Yes.

14. For the projects that have NQA-1 requirements, do all teaming partners need to meet those requirements or only the prime firm?

It is recommended that you review the requirements of the RFP. If you still have questions, you may submit those during the Q&A phase of the procurement.

15. Is the LB A/E BOA for 5 years?

At this time, the non-restricted AE BOA is expected to be for 5 years.

16. When will awards on the NNFD BOA be announced. I believe we are now past the 90-120 days post submittal timeframe.

No additional information is expected to be available for 30 – 45 days.

17. Can you provide the link to where these RFPs will be posted?

The RFPs will be issued in Ariba. See Question #12 above.

18. With respect to the Unrestricted A-E BOA for Construction Projects, are there incumbents or is this a new requirement?

As stated in the presentation, this is a re-competition, and incumbents may choose to rebid.

19. Are in-state firms looked on more favorably than out of state firms?

It is recommended that you review the specific qualification/evaluation criteria of the RFP.

20. What are the release and awards dates again for the unrestricted BOA re-compete?

The slides used in the presentation are being posted and contain this information.

21. Can a sub or teaming partner's NQA-1 program cover the entire team's NQA-1 potential requirements?

See answer to Question #14 above.

22. Will the large/SB BOAs replace the non-nuclear A/E which is currently under review for award?

No. These are standalone procurements.

23. Is past performance on similar scope with other Federal clients acceptable?

It is recommended that you review the qualification/evaluation criteria of the RFP.

24. Do you expect to issue multiple awards on each of the RPF facility and hot cell BOA's?

If so, how do you anticipate one company picking up from where another company left off as you move from one task to another?

No.

25. Will environmental monitoring work be assumed by current contracts or will that be a future RFP?

This presentation focuses on AE work only.

26. For RPF, can the same firm bid the facility and hotcells?

Yes, unless otherwise specified in the RFP.

27. Are the incumbents on the RPF projects precluded from bidding these BOAs?

No, unless otherwise specified in the RFP.