

## Request for Qualifications # 2023-0623

### Burke County EMS/Animal Shelter New Construction Architectural Design

#### Questions from Vendors & Answers from the County – Last Updated 06/12/2023

1. Is there any preliminary design work associated with these two projects already completed that could help expediate the design phase?  
*No preliminary design has been completed for these two projects.*
2. Is there any flexibility in the January/February 2024 bid date?  
*The January/February 2024 date is the preferred date; however, the date could be negotiated with the selected firm.*
3. Will there be any pre-submittal meetings to discuss the project scopes?  
*No pre-submittal meetings are scheduled.*
4. Could you share the proposed sites for each project?  
*Below are the proposed sites for each project, however these locations are subject to change pending ongoing evaluations for the properties.*  
*EMS – 102 Drexel Rd, Morganton, NC 2865*  
*Animal Shelter – Adjoining 650 Kirksey Drive, NC 28655*
5. Has a budget been established for each project in consideration showing similar work in our Statement of Qualifications?  
*Below are the rough budgets that have been presented as part of the County’s Capital Improvement Plan. These amounts are estimates only and are subject to change:*  
*EMS – \$8,000,000*  
*Animal Shelter – \$5,500,000*
6. Was there a planning or needs assessment completed to determine the SQFT requirements (10K EMS / 13K Animal Shelter)?  
*Estimates were based on previous projects that the County Manager has worked on and our own assessments.*

7. Is this open to GC to Design Build or just A/E Firms Design, Bid, Build?  
*As stated in the RFQ, "Burke County Government is requesting qualifications of licensed architectural firms..."*
  
8. The RFQ reads that the Design Schedule being January/February 2024. 6 months would be preferred for design and cost estimating, however doable, this would be a tight schedule. Are these requirements firm or could there be more flexibility?  
*The January/February 2024 date is the preferred date; however, the date could be negotiated with the selected firm.*
  
9. Since the scope of work is for Architectural Design Development, we would like to know who did the initial design and/or was there a team and are those documents available?  
*This project is requesting one firm to provide a full/complete design team for the design development of the EMS building and Animal Shelter. There is no initial design.*
  
10. Also, are the architects who did the initial work eligible to be considered for this RFQ?  
*There are no ineligible firms.*