Request for Proposal

Chimney Repairs

August 19, 2011

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Procurement and Supplier Diversity Services
Charlottesville, Virginia
A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Request for Proposal (RFP) Name: Chimney Repairs

RFP Number: # JG081911

Issue Date: August 19, 2011

Brief Description: Repair Chimneys for the student dorm rooms on the Lawn and Range.

Preproposal Conference: An optional Preproposal Conference will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. We will meet on the Lawn at the Academical Village between Pavilions VII and IX in Charlottesville, Virginia (map may be viewed at this web site: [http://www.virginia.edu/Map/](http://www.virginia.edu/Map/)). The purpose of the Preproposal Conference is to allow potential interested parties an opportunity to present questions and obtain clarification relative to any facet of this RFP. While attendance at this conference will not be a prerequisite to submitting a proposal, interested parties who intend to submit a proposal are strongly encouraged to attend. Bring a copy of the RFP with you. Public parking is available at the Newcomb Hall parking garage located on Emmet Street. Be prepared to view a chimney, inside flue and a fireplace.

Firms planning to attend the Preproposal Conference should notify Rebecca Sims by email (pur-rfp@virginia.edu) no later than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31, 2011 of the names, titles, and phone numbers of the individuals who will attend.

Proposal Due Date: 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 8, 2011. Proposals may be sent via email or mail using the contact information in the box below. The University may, at its discretion, accept late proposals if it is determined to be in the best interest of the University.

Negotiations: Negotiations, if needed, will be held on September 14, 2011

Expected Award Date: September 16, 2011

Term of Agreement: The term of a resulting Agreement or Purchase Order will be for five years, with the ability to renew on the same or similar terms and conditions, for two additional one-year periods if mutually agreeable to the University and the Selected Firm. The Selected Firm and the University will mutually agree at least 180 days prior to each renewal period whether to renew the terms of the Agreement.
This Request for Proposal (RFP) has been posted on Procurement and Supplier Diversity Services web site for your convenience. Addenda and attachments are posted if issued. The RFP can be downloaded at this web site: http://www.procurement.virginia.edu/pagerfp. It is the firm’s responsibility to ensure that the latest version of the entire RFP and related links are reviewed prior to submission of a proposal. We encourage you to check the web site frequently for any changes prior to the due date. Call (434) 924-1346 if you have trouble accessing the RFP from the web. For questions about the content of the RFP, contact the buyer listed above. Additional information can be found on Procurement and Supplier Diversity Services web site: http://www.procurement.virginia.edu.

For ease of reference, each firm or individual receiving this RFP is referred to as a “firm” and the firm or individual selected to provide services for the University is referred to as the “Selected Firm.” This RFP states the instructions for submitting proposals and the procedure and criteria by which a firm may be selected.

B. SCOPE OF GOODS & SERVICES

The University and its Facilities Management Department seeks a qualified firm to remove the existing Ahrens masonry liners, installed in 1991, from 105 fireplace flues in 60 dorm room chimneys in Jefferson’s Academical Village, a National Historic Landmark and UNESCO World Heritage Site. The removal method must minimize damage to the historic brick chimneys and adjacent fabric, and must be approved by the University prior to beginning work, based upon test removals. Install new liners best suited for these historic chimneys and as approved by the University. The Selected Firm will also install new top-sealing dampers best suited for these historic chimneys and as approved by the University. The Selected Firm will need to coordinate its activities with University’s tradesmen, as they will be performing related fireplace and chimney repairs.

C. BASIS OF SELECTION

Proposals will be evaluated based upon the overall merits/value of the proposal including, but not limited to, price. The University will evaluate proposals, and if a firm is to be selected, select the firm on the basis of:
1. The firm's plan to provide the University with the products as described in the Scope of Good and Services section;
2. The firm’s experience in providing Goods and Services similar to those described in this RFP, to include the firm’s references from clients;
3. The firm’s price proposal; and
4. The firm’s Small, Woman-owned and Minority-owned (SWAM) businesses status and/or the firm’s plan for utilization of SWAM businesses. For more information about SWAM and the University’s SWAM plan, please see the letter at Attachment 1 and refer to the following site: [www.procurement.virginia.edu/main/publicpostings/rgp/SWAMplan.pdf](http://www.procurement.virginia.edu/main/publicpostings/rgp/SWAMplan.pdf)

**Note 1:** A 10% minimum weight will be given to this criterion in evaluating proposals.  
**Note 2:** Any questions related to SWAM business and SWAM subcontracting opportunities can be directed to Les Haughton, Director Supplier Diversity r, at (434) 924-7174 or lh7sn@virginia.edu.

### D. CONTENTS OF PROPOSAL

Proposals will be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFP. Emphasis will be on completeness and clarity of content, and will be organized in the order in which the requirements are presented in the RFP.

Unnecessarily elaborate brochures and other presentations beyond that sufficient to present a complete and effective proposal are not desired and may be construed as an indication of the firms’ lack of cost consciousness. Elaborate artwork, expensive paper and bindings, and expensive visual and other presentation aids are neither necessary nor desired.

Firms will provide the following information:

1. A brief history of the firm and its experience, qualifications and success in providing the type of product requested. Include specifically the firm’s experience with removal of modern masonry liners, installation of liners, and top-sealing dampers in historic chimneys. A knowledge of Ahrens masonry liners is essential to the success of this project.
2. The firm’s detailed plan to perform the requested services in occupied dorm rooms, minimizing occupant disruption, with no damage to occupant’s property. Explain how many crews will be working and the task of each one. Also include a detailed description and the full specifications of the new lining system and chimney top dampener proposed.
3. The estimated length of time to complete the project from the time of the order. Include a schedule for implementing the project plan.
4. Information on the warranty associated with the product the firm is proposing and any extended warranty (include the price) that might be available.
5. The firm’s proposed price/fee for providing the Goods and Services.
6. At least three references where similar goods and/or services have been provided. Include the name of the firm/organization, the complete mailing address, and the name of the contact person and their telephone number.
7. The firm’s Small, Woman-owned and Minority-owned (SWAM) businesses status and/or how the firm intends to utilize SWAM firms in regards to this particular procurement.
8. Complete and return the information requested in Attachment 2, Firm Information.
NOTE: Virginia Freedom of Information Act
Except as provided below, once an award is announced, all proposals submitted in response to this RFP will be open to the inspection of any citizen, or any interested person, firm or corporation, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a firm as part of its proposal will not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; however, the firm must invoke the protections of this section prior to or upon submission of its proposal, and must identify the specific data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary. A firm may not request that its entire proposal be treated as a trade secret or proprietary information. Nor may a firm request that its pricing be treated as a trade secret or proprietary information, or otherwise be deemed confidential.

E. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

This solicitation and any subsequent award is subject to:

- The Selected Firm registering as a vendor with the University of Virginia. 
  [https://www.procurement.virginia.edu/pagevendorregistrationform](https://www.procurement.virginia.edu/pagevendorregistrationform)

- Unless otherwise deemed appropriate by the University, the Selected Firm(s) will enroll in one of the University approved methods for receipt of electronic payments. Accordingly, the Selected Firm agrees to accept Bank of America’s ("BoA") ePayables® method of electronic payment or BoA’s PayMode® method of electronic payment.

- The Selected Firm registering and accepting eVA Terms and Conditions prior to award. 

- The University’s Mandatory Contractual Provisions:

- The University’s Preferred Contractual Provisions:

  **Note:** Unless a firm expressively and specifically states its exception to any of the Preferred Provisions in its written proposal, then the proposal from the firm will automatically be deemed to include those Provisions.

- The University's Procedure for Resolution of Contractual Claims 

F. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Insurance
   Listed below is the insurance the Selected Firm must maintain under any Agreement resulting from this RFP. In no event should the Selected Firm construe these minimum required limits to be their limit of liability to the University. The Selected Firm will maintain insurance which meets or
exceeds the requirements of the University with insurance companies that hold at least an A-financial rating with A.M. Best Company. No Agreement will be executed by the University until the Selected Firm satisfies the insurance requirements of the University. The Selected Firm may be required to provide the University with a valid Certificate of Insurance before providing any goods or services to the University. The University reserves the right to approve any insurance proposed by the Selected Firm.

**Commercial General Liability:**
The Selected Firm and any Subcontractor will provide a minimum combined single Limit of Liability for bodily injury and property damage of $2,000,000 per occurrence and an aggregate limit of not less than $4,000,000 with coverage for the following:
- [X] Premises/Operations
- [X] Products/Completed Operations
- [X] Contractual
- [X] Independent Contractors
- [X] Personal Injury
- [X] Additional Insured*

**Automobile Insurance:**
The Selected Firm and any Subcontractor will provide a minimum combined single Limit of Liability for bodily injury and property damage of $1,000,000 per occurrence with the following coverages for vehicles operated by their employees.
- [X] Any Automobile
- [X] Owned and Non-Owned Automobiles

**Umbrella/Excess Liability:**
The Selected Firm and any Subcontractor will maintain excess liability coverage of at least $2,000,000 per occurrence that provides coverage uniform with the underlying general liability insurance.

*Additional Insured:
The University will be named as an Additional Insured, and the proper name is: "The Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, its officers, employees, and agents."

**Workers’ Compensation**
The Selected Firm and any Subcontractor will maintain workers’ compensation insurance on all employees that complies with the Workers’ Compensation Act of Virginia, and such policy of insurance will also provide for employers liability coverage with limits of not less than $1,000,000.

2. **Formation of the Agreement with the Selected Firm**
All proposals received will first be carefully evaluated by the University, and then the University intends to conduct negotiations with two or more firms. After negotiations have been conducted, if the University chooses to make award, the University will select the firm which, in its opinion, best meets the needs of the University. Alternately, if the University determines in writing and in its sole discretion that only one firm is fully qualified, or that one firm is clearly more highly qualified than the others under consideration, it may decide to negotiate and award an agreement to that single firm. In either event, the University intends to execute a mutually satisfactory written agreement which will reflect and largely incorporate this RFP as reconciled with any pertinent documents, such as the proposal submitted and relevant negotiation correspondence.
Because the University may choose to negotiate and award to a single firm as discussed above, each firm must include in its written proposal all requirements, terms or conditions it may have, and should not assume that an opportunity will exist to add such matters after the proposal is submitted.

Any firm(s) invited to negotiations should note that the University reserves the right to begin negotiations by combining the best aspects of submitted proposals from all responding firms as the basis for subsequent formation of any Agreement resulting from this RFP.

Firms should also note that, as described above, certain matters will automatically be deemed part of the proposal.
Greetings:

The quality of service the University of Virginia is able to deliver to its customers is directly related to the excellent support we receive from you and many other outstanding suppliers of goods and services. Without you, we would not be able to fulfill our educational, health care and research missions. An important part of our procurement program involves our commitment to doing business with small, women- and minority-owned (SWaM) businesses. As one of our most important vendors, we look to you to help us achieve this objective.

We conduct substantial business with small firms. We have a particular institutional focus on developing long-term business relationships with minority-and women-owned businesses. We count on our majority firms to help us achieve our goal.

I seek your assistance in two areas. First, to the extent practical, I ask that you involve small, women-and minority-owned businesses in the delivery of services you provide to UVa. The office of Procurement and Supplier Diversity Services is ready to assist you in identifying qualified diverse business partners. Second, I seek your help in reporting your results through our quarterly subcontracting reports. The terms and conditions previously provided to your organization outlined this process.

This effort is important to us. We depend on you in so many ways – this is another way that we can partner with your company to make things better.

Sincerely,

Colette Sheehy
Vice President for Management and Budget
## Firm Information

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### SWAM Information:

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| Is your firm registered as a vendor in the Commonwealth of Virginia’s e-procurement system (eVA)? |
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| Yes | No |

### Point of Contact for this Proposal:

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