

**University of Washington
Inquiry of Interest for Design Services
Chemical Sciences Building Project**

The University of Washington is soliciting letters of interest from leading design firms exemplary in the field of design innovation interested in providing design services in consideration of our upcoming Chemical Sciences Building project.

The University of Washington (UW) is one of the nation's most distinguished educational and research institutions. Together, the University's three campuses in Seattle, Tacoma, and Bothell anchor the Puget Sound region and are firmly established as the pinnacle of the higher education system in Washington State. The campuses' physical environments are an undeniable source of pride based on the uniqueness and drama of each setting and the quiet power of their architecture, landscape, and history.

The University has a long-standing commitment to design excellence, having established the University of Washington Architectural Commission (UWAC) in 1957 and the University Landscape Advisory Committee (ULAC) in 1970. These advisory groups are comprised of renowned architects and landscape architects and play a critical role in preserving and enhancing the unique character of the University's buildings and outdoor spaces to attain high-quality campus environments through the selection of architects and oversight of project designs.

We believe projects are most successfully delivered through a highly integrated and collaborative effort between the owner, designers, and trade partners. To foster collaboration, we have implemented a design-build contract based on Integrated Project Delivery principles such as shared risk and reward, incentives, and target value design.

In our current design-build project delivery model and consistent with Washington State Statute, the University stakeholders first select a builder, then collaborate with the selected builder and the Architectural Commission to develop a short list of design firms based on the qualities they are looking for in a design partner and project-specific experience. It's important to note that previous experience with the selected builder is not a criterion in developing the short list of design firms. This list will be further refined before firms are interviewed by the Architectural Commission and project stakeholders for selection.

The project for which we are currently seeking interest from architectural firms is the Chemical Sciences Building which has a total project budget of \$191m. The Chemical Sciences Building (CSB) will replace the existing Chemistry Library with a new 100,000-110,000 gsf facility in its place on the University of Washington's Seattle campus. CSB will enable a new mode of science where cutting-edge fundamental chemical research can transform into real-world applications in real-time. The program, which includes new wet labs, high-performing labs, research offices, collaboration spaces, general assignment classrooms, and support spaces, will co-locate faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students to facilitate innovation and interdisciplinary discovery in chemical sciences research.

Please submit a one-page letter to the email address below by July 15, 2024, at 3pm if you are interested in being our design partner on this project. Please include the firm's website address in the letter of interest.

Address letters to:

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