

Request for Design Professional Qualifications  
The University Students' Cooperative Association

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The University Student's Cooperative Association (USCA), a.k.a. the Berkeley Student Cooperative, invites architects to submit written statements of qualifications for providing architectural services for the following proposed project:

Cloyne Court Renovation  
Project No. 1111  
June 2007

The USCA estimates design project cost to be in the \$250,000 - \$500,000 range; we estimate construction cost to be in the \$3,000,000 - \$5,000,000 range.

The USCA is a nonprofit corporation housing 1,300 students in 30 boarding houses and apartment buildings surrounding the University of California in Berkeley, California. The purpose of the organization is to offer low-cost, cooperative housing to university students, thereby promoting the general welfare of the community, and providing an educational opportunity for students who might not otherwise be able to afford a university education.

Cloyne Court is located at 2600 Ridge Road, Berkeley, CA, one block from the University of California Berkeley. It was designed by John Galen Howard and opened in 1904 as a hotel for University professors and visitors. In 1946 the building was occupied by the USCA and currently provides affordable housing for approximately 150 UC Berkeley students and includes a commercial kitchen. It is the largest shingled three story residential building in Berkeley and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1992.

As part of its current lease, the USCA has committed to address the level of the building seismic performance; handicapped accessibility will also be addressed per code requirements. Additionally, this larger project has been anticipated across several years and multiple items of maintenance also need attention. The USCA is looking for an innovative, creative firm to aid it in its direction. The chosen firm needs to address not only the engineering aspects of the project, but also related areas of function and the historic nature of the building façade, while keeping our nonprofit budget in mind.

Scope of services will include full services from programming through the end of construction. The successful design professional shall be versed in the historic code, CBC code, and all applicable current codes. The USCA is selecting only the Executive Architect at this time. Sub consultants will be selected later in collaboration with the selected Executive Architect.

The USCA is adopting the University of California's Green Building and Clean Energy Policy, which can be viewed at <http://www.ucop.edu/facil/pd/sustain.html>. It is mandatory that the USCA and University campus participate in the PG&E Savings by Design Energy

Efficiency Program. The USCA and the University also implements projects in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings. The selected firm must demonstrate a commitment to these sustainability and preservation goals.

In addition, the plan review will follow the UC review model, and the successful firm will be required to sign the UC Executive Design Professional Agreement contract, which is posted at <http://www.cp.berkeley.edu/ContractsAgreemnts.html#EDPA>.

Statements should be in the form of a brief letter outlining specific, comparable experience, including scope, size and value of work; a one page statement describing how the firm will approach this project; and contact information and resumes of key staff members committed to the completion to this project on a day to day basis. Major consideration in the selection of the firm will be based on demonstrated experience working on historic wood framed structures; and previous experience working with the Division of State Architect, State Historical Preservation Office, and the State Fire Marshall. Please submit 4 copies of the submittals.

Proposal letters must be received at the address below no later than 12:00 Noon, Friday, June 22, 2007. After careful review and consideration, firms may be asked to provide more detailed information and may be invited for an interview. In July 2007, a shortlist of 3-4 firms will be interviewed by representatives of the University of California, Berkeley and the USCA. Any questions regarding the scope of this project and not answered in this RFQ should be addressed to Henry Riggs at (650) 327-6198, [hlriggs@comcast.net](mailto:hlriggs@comcast.net).

Please address submittals to:

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