Sealed Bids on behalf of the Community College of Philadelphia, will be accepted online, via the PennBid Program (www.PennBid.net) for RFP 10004 - Architect for Library Learning Commons, until Monday 11/16/2017.

A mandatory pre-Bid meeting will be held on: Thursday 10/12/2017, 1:30:00 PM Eastern, in the Library L1-41 of the Mint Building on Main Campus of the Community College of Philadelphia 1700 Spring Garden Street Philadelphia, PA 19130-3991

Bidding Documents will be available at no cost at www.PennBid.net as they become available.

The Community College of Philadelphia seeks architectural and engineering services to reconfigure space within our historic 1901 Mint Building. This space is currently being used as a library, teaching center, support offices, tutoring, study cubicles, bound volume stack storage and instructional space and is to be converted to a comprehensive, state-of-the-art, technology rich library and learning commons addressing the emergence of active learning and community based instruction and study. Only highly qualified firms with acclaimed library / learning commons experience are expected to be considered for this complex project.

Summary of purpose: The role of the higher education based library has been steadily shifting with the emergence of digital information and resources. This shift is also being recognized at the Community College of Philadelphia where the existing area, identified as Library/Study space, has been determined to be significantly less than what is needed with available resources or for the current campus enrollment. The library is expected to support bound volumes, an increase in technology based tools, lounge areas, collaborative and individual study rooms, additional tutoring and comprehensive outreach services - a true learning commons for both faculty and students. The paradigm in library atmosphere is more reflective of an active learning center, where in food and beverage areas are often co-located with these activities.

A creative approach is required for the reconfiguration of the existing Library and Learning Commons areas to leverage underutilized study and stack space. When complete, It will create a central student / study hub within the center of the campus with additional meeting rooms and collaborative study spaces. This approach must include an innovative use of space in the historic Mint Building, considering concepts and suggestions made by various consultants.

For Further Details go to Documents : Library Reconfiguration 2018 Scope Summary to PennBid 20170926

Bidders are asked to keep MTW 11/06-08/2017 open for Presentations.

National firms are encouraged to partner with local Architects.

Dates are subject to change.

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