

Q & A - 1

RFQ NUMBER # 180103  
DATE DUE: JANUARY 30, 2018

**RFQ TITLE: ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – SITE DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING DESIGN FOR THE CAMERON COUNTY-LAGUNA VISTA VISITOR’S CENTER COMPLEX LOCATED ON 23.5 ACRES OWNED BY LAGUNA VISTA ON HIGHWAY 100 FRONTAGE NORTH OF THE BAHIA GRANDE.**

Thank you for the call back this afternoon. As we discussed on the phone, we have a question regarding the qualifications criteria “EXPERIENCE OF PERSONNEL” and “TEAM MEMBERS”. We are putting together a highly qualified team lead by our firm in association with a nationally renowned Landscape/Planning firm. Our question is this:

In these criteria, are you requesting that we submit team qualifications as detailed as MEP Engineering, Structural Engineering, Civil Engineering etc? *NO*

Or can we submit, as we think may be preferable, by submitting our core team and personnel qualifications only at this time – and include our smaller subconsultants at a later date- at the discretion of Cameron County? *YES*

- *quality subs should be used*
- *Innovativeness, new and unique ideas should be incorporated into this project*
- *avoid the same old cookie cutter approach*
- *must understand the needs and intent of the project*
- *see the site if possible*
- *show us cutting edge and similar projects completed*
- *give us examples of the type of work we can expect*

I have had several calls regarding this project. The vendors would like to know the square footage of this project and the budget. Please let me know as soon as possible.

*Although building size is not quite known, we are estimating that of the 23.5 acres, the county’s portion will be about 10 acres. The theater will seat 250+, the display area will be about half a basketball court, there will be some office space, and public space, there will be outdoor facilities such as multiple towers for viewing nature, landscape features such as ponds, mounds, 200 person outdoor amphitheater to view nature demonstrations, and trails etc. with access to the Bahia Grande area. We need to convey to the contestants that the location is subject to periodic flooding or tidal surge, we are looking to the Town of Laguna Vista to incorporate retail, amusement, professional office space, perhaps law enforcement. We can see a bicycle shop vendor to service bicycles that use the nature trail as well as pedestrian hikers. There will need to be a location for those who provide security on the site. We expect the facility to be visited by bus loads of school children. We believe that a venue for a snack shop or small restaurant with seating to view nature, the sunsets, or rocket launches, would be incorporated in the design. Of course restroom facilities for those who use the buildings and trails. We believe that this facility will be on going in development and expansion. The remaining 13.5 acres will be developed by Laguna Vista or a developer of their choosing. We will work with the Town to develop a central theme for the architectural design so that the public does not see where one entity stops and the other begins.*