

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The City Secretary for City of Houston will receive Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) at 900 Bagby, Room P101, Houston, Texas for the following General Services Department project(s):

**Project Name and Number:**      **Rufus Cage Elementary School Restoration  
Renovation Project for Community Use**

**Project Description:**            The successful respondent will develop a long-term lease and restoration/renovation proposal for the use of the facility and a plan to engage the community in its development and operations. Extensive discussions have already occurred and many in the community have expressed a desire to see the building used as an Arts Center. Respondents to this RFQ should address the cultural and educational needs and desires of the community. Input from the local community as well as representatives of cultural organizations and entities and schools will be important in determining the programmatic aspects of the buildings and their ultimate architectural design. A process should be developed whereby community stakeholders are involved in the redevelopment planning. If an Arts Center is proposed, the proposal should address how the Center will enhance creative opportunities for the East End and Houston. Architectural design should be flexible to respond to a variety of programming needs including but not limited to exhibitions, meeting space, performance space, classrooms and offices. Utilizing the grounds and adjacent warehouse space as part of the project is also important.

**Submittal Date:**                    **Thursday, January 9, 2013**

Project Location:                    1417 Telephone Road (494X)

Project Manager:                    Andy Icken / 832 393-1064

Pre-submittal Meeting:            Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

City Hall Annex, 900 Bagby, Second Floor Conference Room

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SOQs will be accepted until 200 p.m., local time at the location specified above on the date shown above. SOQs received after that time will not be accepted.

The RFQ will be available beginning on Friday, November 22, 2013 at the City Hall Annex, 900 Bagby, 2nd Floor and at <http://houstontx.gov/generalservices>.

It is unlawful for any Contractor to contribute or offer any contribution to a candidate for City elective office during a certain period prior to and following a contract award. (Chapter 18, City of Houston Code of Ordinances (City Code)). Contractor will be required to comply with Anti-discrimination provisions (Chapter 15, Article II, City Code), Pay or Play Program (Executive Order 1-7 and Ordinance 2007-0534), and the Minority, Women, Persons with Disabilities and Small Business Enterprise requirements (Chapter 15, Articles V and VI, City Code and Executive Order 1-2).

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Anna Russell, City Secretary