

**PROJECT FACT SHEET**  
**Architecture/Engineer Services**  
**Wallach Institute for Holocaust & Jewish Studies**  
**BT-690**  
**Florida Atlantic University**  
**Updated 11.21.22**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Located on Florida Atlantic University's Boca Raton, Campus. The Wallach Institute for Holocaust & Jewish Studies design will consist of approximately 17,000 gross square feet of recital/lecture hall, classroom, office, and exhibit space that will help centralize FAU's Peace, Justice and Human Rights Center, Jewish studies and Holocaust education scholars and programs and provide a recital/film projection/lecture hall for the departments of Music, Film Studies, and other academic units in the college. Total construction budget (including site development) is approximately \$9.4 million; with a total project cost of \$11.8 million. The University currently has funding for a \$10 million-dollar project, with an anticipation to continuing fund raising efforts. This project will require program verification, site master planning, and detailed cost estimating to validate the project budget and scope to identify adjusted scope and design alternates to deliver the project within available budget. The selected firm will provide programming, schematic design, design development, construction documents and construction administration for the referenced project.

The new facility is to be designed and constructed to meet a minimum LEED silver or equivalent sustainable rating standard.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

Firms will be evaluated in the following areas: current workload, location, past performance, volume of state work, design ability, and experience and ability. Experience and ability scores will be based on the following criteria:

1. Experience of firm and individual members of the design team with project of similar size and program.
2. Experience of firm and individual members of the design team in planning, programming, designing, estimating, and construction administration of projects similar in size and budget. Site examples of projects within the past five-years.
3. Experience in Higher Education projects and working with university committees.
4. Experience of firms with sustainable design.

The following scoring criteria will be utilized for this selection:

- Experience & Ability (0-35)
- Design Ability (0-10)
- Work in Progress (0-5)
- State University Work (0-5)
- Distance (0-20)

**SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**Marcelo Bezos**, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management

**Patrick Cheung**, Interim Director for Engineering & Utilities

**Azita Dotiwala**, Director of Budget & Planning

**Rachel Harris**, Director of Jewish Studies

**Michael Horswell**, Dean, College of Arts & Letters

**Rebecca Lautar**, Associate Dean, College of Arts & letters

**SELECTION SCHEDULE:**

The anticipated schedule for selection, award, and negotiation is as follows:

- Submittal Due: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 – 4:00 PM (Local Time)
- Shortlist Meeting: Thursday, December 1, 2022 – 2:30 PM (Local Time) – CO69 RM 118
- Final Interviews: Monday, January 23, 2023 – Starting at 9:00 AM (local Time) – CO69 RM118
- Contract Negotiation: TBD

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. The University is not liable for any costs incurred by the Applicants prior to the issuance of an executed contract.
2. In order to minimize the possibility of unethical pressures or influences on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, no verbal or written communication is permitted between the applicants and the members of the Selection Committee and/or other FAU Employees. Any questions or requests for project information must be in writing to Ms. Allison Hayes, Administrative Service Manager for Facilities Management, [ahayes4@fau.edu](mailto:ahayes4@fau.edu).
3. All results from shortlist and interview sessions will be posted on FAU Facilities Management website: <http://www.fau.edu/facilities/avp/AE-CM-advertise-home.php>. Finalists will be notified via email as to interview date, time, and presentation requirements.
4. Professional liability insurance is required for this project in the amount of \$2,000,000 single claims and \$5,000,000 aggregate claims.
5. The Selection Committee will make a recommendation to the President of the University. All finalists will be notified in writing of the President's action. Upon approval by the President, negotiations will be conducted in accordance with Section 287.055, Florida Statutes.