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East Providence announces RFQ for new Community Center

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI – The City of East Providence has announced a request for qualifications for the Owner’s Project Manager Services for the development of a new 62,000-square-foot community center behind the Robert Rock Senior Center.

The center will include the construction of a steel and masonry building consisting of an open lobby area, gymnasium, pool, theater and office space on two floors.

Once it is complete, the center will operate as a community and public safety wellness center for use by youth, families, the city’s senior population and civic organizations. It will be a place where East Providence residents and members of the East Providence Police and Fire Departments are able to join together and collaborate on programs and events.

The center will also be a host to out-of-school time learning activities and programs to improve educational outcomes citywide for our K-12 students under Gov. Dan McKee’s Education 365 initiative.

The new center would allow East Providence to offer recreation programming, job training, health monitoring services, public safety training, community meetings, and more. The center would also be utilized by the East Providence Police Department to conduct training and community police outreach programming. City residents have expressed their support for additional recreational space via the approval of two voter referendums (2002 and 2004) to issue bonds for construction of a new recreation center. The City lacks community space, and the

addition of this Center would be a tremendous resource where residents could easily access key programming and services.

“We are committed to providing our residents with a space to serve as a community wellness center, while also providing our public safety personnel with a place to conduct planning and training and community outreach programs such as National Night Out, R.A.D. Women Physical Defense courses, citizen police academies, community projects and so much more,” Mayor Bob DaSilva said.

This center will be a place where the City’s Recreation Department can host a number of youth programs and it will also serve as a location for intergenerational activities. In addition, the center can host swim meets and local theatre productions.

“It’s a win-win for everyone in our community,” Mayor DaSilva said.

The City of East Providence is soliciting proposals from qualified respondents to provide Owner’s Project Manager Services for the development of a new Community Center Facility. The total square footage of the building is approximately 62,000 SF. Specifications may be downloaded from the City’s website <https://eastprovidenceri.gov/rf>

(1) One Original, Two (2) copies and 1 Thumb Drive of proposals shall be submitted in one (1) sealed envelope to East Providence City Hall, Controllers Office, Room 103, Attn: Ralph Mitchell Procurement Specialist, 145 Taunton Ave., East Providence, RI 02914 no later than THURSDAY MAY 4, 2023 AT 11:00AM. The bids will be publicly recorded. Bids received with a time of 11:01 AM or later will be rejected. The outside envelope needs to be marked RFQ EP22/23-14.

Only firms deemed qualified by the City after review of the qualification statements submitted in accordance with this RFQ will be requested to submit bid proposals.

The City reserves the right to reject any/or all companies, to waive any informality in the proposal statement and to accept the proposal of any company based on what the City deems to be in its best interest.

Any questions regarding the RFQ may be directed in writing to Erik Skadberg at eskadberg@eastprovidenceri.gov and Ralph Mitchell at rmitchell@eastprovidenceri.gov no later than MONDAY APRIL 24, 2023 AT 11:00 AM.

For more information please visit: <https://eastprovidenceri.gov/rfp>

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