Public Notice

FRANKLIN COUNTY CONVENTION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Hotel FF&E and OS&E Purchasing Management and Procurement Services for a 463-Room Expansion of the Hilton Columbus Downtown**

Proposals to provide Hotel FF&E and OS&E purchasing management and procurement services for the 463-room expansion of the Hilton Columbus Downtown will be received by the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority (FCCFA) until Friday May 10, 2019 at 5:00 PM EST. Sealed proposals (one original and ten copies) are to be submitted to the FCCFA offices located at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, 4th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The FCCFA will review, evaluate and select a Respondent whose proposal is deemed most advantageous and of best value to the FCCFA. the criteria used for evaluation and selection will include, but not be limited to:

* Experience of the professionals that will work on this Project;
* Availability of resources to perform the required services;
* Experience of the firm to complete projects similar in size and scope to the Hilton Expansion;
* Quality of references;
* Approach, timing, and proposed extent of involvement in the Project;
* Litigation and arbitration history;
* Proposed fees for the Project.

The FCCFA is a public authority responsible for the development and operation of the Greater Columbus Convention Center in downtown Columbus, Ohio. As owner/developer of the convention center, the FCCFA is responsible for the improvement, management and successful operation of the facility and related properties. The downtown hotel community, Experience Columbus (the convention and visitor’s bureau), and SMG (the manager of the convention center) have indicated that the number one priority for improving the competitiveness of Columbus as a convention destination is the existence of a 1,000-room full service convention hotel near the convention center.

Constructed in 2010, the Hilton Columbus Downtown currently has 532 rooms. To achieve the goal of having a 1,000-room full-service convention hotel, the FCCFA and its partners have determined it is in the Greater Columbus community’s best interest to construct an approximately 463+/--room expansion of the Hilton Columbus Downtown.

A copy of the complete request for proposals can be obtained from the FCCFA offices. All requests for copies of the RFP and questions regarding the RFP should be directed to Jordan Edmonds at jedmonds@fccfa.org or 614-827-2811.