

**Public Notice**  
**FRANKLIN COUNTY CONVENTION FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:**  
**Construction Testing Services for a 470+/-room Addition to the Hilton**  
**Columbus Downtown**

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Qualifications to provide construction testing services for the development and construction of a 470+/-room addition to the Hilton Columbus Downtown hotel will be received by the Franklin County Convention Facilities Authority (FCCFA) until **Tuesday October 15, 2019 at 4:00 PM**. Sealed qualifications (one original and four copies) are to be submitted to the FCCFA office located at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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 470+/-room expansion of the Hilton Columbus Downtown.

The purpose of this request for qualifications (RFQ) is to select an engineering firm that is most qualified to provide the required testing services for the development and construction of the hotel addition. The FCCFA is seeking an engineering firm that has experience providing construction testing services for projects similar in size and scope to the FCCFA's proposed project. Most qualified will be determined by, but not limited to; the competence/ability of the engineering firm to provide requested services, availability of resources to meet the requirements of the RFQ, past performance/related experience of the engineering firm and the proposed approach to completing the required services. To be considered for this RFQ, submittals should include, but not be limited to; a description of the engineering firm's proposed staffing for the project along with resumes and credentials, information on previous experience that is similar in size, scope and function to the hotel addition being constructed by the FCCFA (references included), and a discussion of the proposed approach towards completion of the required services.

A copy of the complete request for qualifications can be obtained from the FCCFA offices. All requests for copies of the RFQ and questions regarding the RFQ should be directed to Jordan Edmonds at [jedmonds@fccfa.org](mailto:jedmonds@fccfa.org) or 614-827-2811.