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1	In reviewing the RFQ, a question came up from our internal team. Will you consider experience that is outside of five years?	Relevant experience "older" than five years can be included if there is an overlap of team members between the relevant experience and the proposed team members.
2	Please provide a breakdown or summary of the hard and soft budget developed by Messer.	The project budget is \$14.5MM for design, construction, FF&E and design / construction related soft costs. A preliminary budget was developed by Messer Construction. The details of the budget will be shared during contract negotiations.
3	We all understand that the mechanical systems and roof require replacement. What about any scope involving the exterior wall assembly?	While the final scope of the project is still to be determined, CMC is confident that the roofing system & mechanical systems will require updating. The scope of the exterior wall systems has not been determined at this time. This decision will be one of the most impactful and important components of the project.
4	Are there no public funds being used that require any State or Federal wage rates to be followed for construction?	There are no funding sources that require certain wage rates on the project.
5	Any MBE goals established for the design and construction?	There are no quantified goals for MBE participation. Please note as stated in the RFQ - Evaluation Criteria, There are no funding sources that require certain wage rates on the project. "CMC will base its evaluation on the following: 5. level of M / WBE participation on the proposed Project Team"
6	Per the RFQ, it appears that a standard contracting method will be used. Has this been finalized?	Yes. The intent is to use a traditional Design - Bid - Build delivery method.
7	Under section 2.e of the RFQ, the annual design service volume for similar projects is requested, including the number of projects, in each of the last 4 years.	
7a	a. Can you clarify what constitutes a "similar project"? For example, would any project that includes a component of museum or archival collections storage be considered relevant? Or specifically adaptive re-use of existing structures for use as museum collections storage, conservation, and community access?	Similar projects would include any project related to collections storage, museum related laboratory / conservation spaces, and museum related community spaces. Projects that also included adaptive re-use of existing facilities should certainly be highlighted under the relevant experience section.
7b	b. Is the "number of projects" intended to count those similar projects actively under design or construction during that year? Or only those that <u>completed</u> construction/design during that calendar year?	The number of projects should include any projects that your firm had billings for during the period.
7c	Is the "total design services volume" the anticipated construction cost of those projects, or design fees for that calendar year? Assuming it is construction cost, should planning projects include the estimated/anticipated construction cost were the plan to be implemented?	The intent is the "total design services volume" is the total billings for the similar projects during the period. If you also have the total actual + anticipated costs for construction, please include that information.
8	Museum and other archival collections storage projects typically take many years to plan, design, and construct. The RFP limits similar project experience examples to those completed within the last (5) years. Provided the proposed project team members had <u>direct involvement</u> in the cited projects, would the Cincinnati Museum Center selection team consider allowing projects completed or under design within the last 10 to 15 years to allow for a greater demonstration of relevant experience?	Yes. If a proposed team member was personally involved in a prior, longer developing project, that project can be considered relevant experience. Please note the role the proposed team member had on the prior project.
9	Section 3 limits relevant project examples to a maximum of five (5). In cases where a team may have a Prime and additional Partner/Consultant architect, will you accept additional examples (beyond a total of five) to adequately demonstrate relevant experience for both the Prime and Partner firms?	Additional relevant project examples for Partner firms can be included in addition to the maximum 5 for the Prime. Please keep the additional examples to 3 per Partner firm.
10	Section 2 asks for history of firm and any associated design firm: (2-page limit). Is this information required for just the Prime, prime and partner/consultant architect, or all subconsultants? If this information is required for each subconsultant, is it acceptable to provide up to 2 pages for each?	The firm history information is required for both the Prime and Partner. It can be two pages max for each.

11	Is information available as to the slab thickness for each building?	Floor slabs are believed to be 6" in the existing warehouse buildings.
12	Do you have any sections that define the interior height of the buildings? If not, could you verify the ceiling height?	Existing drawings and plans will be shared during contract negotiations. The clear height to the underside of structure in the beer warehouse is approximately 24'
13	Are there any existing drawings available?	see question 12.
14	Is there any information on existing floor slab thicknesses?	see question 11
15	Regarding "E. Project Budget": Is there a preliminary budget that can be shared?	see question 2
16	Regarding the 50 page count limit:	
16a	a. Does that include covers, table of contents, and tab dividers?	No
16b	b. Or is 50 pages the content page count limit?	Yes 50 pages of content.
17	Regarding the 2-page limit on "History of firm and any associated design firm: (2-page limit)"	
17a	a. Does the 2-page limit for the history of the firm & associated firms apply to all of the firms included in the submission?	see question 10
17b	b. Or 2 pages (max) per firm and associated firm? (i.e. 3 team member firms = up to 6 pages)	see question 10