The University of Hawai‘i ("University"), is soliciting Statements of Qualifications for a General Contractor ("Contractor") to provide Construction Services for designated landscape and sitework improvements to the area surrounding the south entry of Webster Hall; off of McCarthy Mall at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawai‘i ("Project"). This Request for Statements of Qualifications (RFSOQ) is the means for prospective Contractors to express their interest to be considered for the Project and to submit additional information on their qualifications for the specific services described in this document. This additional information will supplement the required Contractor Questionnaires that must be submitted by prospective Contractors via the Office of Capital Improvement’s website (OCI Website) http://www.hawaii.edu/oci/main.html. The RFSOQ and all associated documents and amendments are available in electronic form at the OCI Website http://www.hawaii.edu/oci/main.html on the “Projects” page.

1.0 Purpose of this RFSOQ

The University seeks to select a minimum of five qualified Contractors from which to solicit offers for the construction of the Project. Selected Contractors will be given the opportunity to submit offers for the construction of the Project as described in Section 2.0. Selection will be made on the basis of qualifications. The University intends to select Contractors in a timely manner, and solicit construction offers from them shortly thereafter.

All Contractors responding to this RFSOQ must hold a valid State of Hawai‘i contractor’s license B and must have successfully submitted their Contractor Questionnaires on the OCI Website.
2.0 Project Description

The services to be provided include performing all operations and furnishing all equipment, tools, materials, and labor necessary to execute, complete and deliver all of the work and related items required for construction of the project.

The project site is located on the west end of McCarthy Mall, fronting the south entry to Webster Hall and between Farrington Road to the west and Snyder Hall to the east, at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa Campus, Honolulu, Hawai‘i. A map showing the project location is attached.

This project generally involves landscape restoration and improvements around a designated portion of Webster Hall along with replacement of walkways, an entry trellis structure, and other site amenities to accommodate users and visitors to the School of Nursing’s Translational Health Science Simulation Center. The work will include clearing and grubbing, earthwork, concrete work, structural steel work, painting, site electrical work, irrigation system, and landscape planting.

It is the intention of the University to begin construction during the second quarter of 2012.

3.0 Responding to this Request for Qualifications

The University has developed the schedule of events (see Section 6.0) with dates showing the key events in this solicitation process. The RFSOQ and schedule are subject to change, and the University does not send notifications of changes to this RFSOQ or the schedule to prospective Contractors and is not responsible for failure of any Contractor to receive notification of any change in a timely manner. Contractors are advised to visit the OCI Website frequently to check for changes and updates to the RFSOQ, including the Schedule. Prospective Contractors must take the following actions according to the specified timelines in order to participate in this process.

3.1 Submit Requests for Clarifications re: the RFSOQ and E-mail Intent to Respond:

If your organization wishes to submit questions prior to submission of a Statement of Qualifications, questions must be sent in an e-mail to the following e-mail address: “ponishi@hawaii.edu” and must include the following in the e-mail subject line:

“GC Qualification (Webster Hall UHM THSSC - Landscape Improvements): RFSOQ Questions + (the name of your organization)”.

Answers to questions will be posted to the OCI website on the page/link of this RFSOQ.
E-mail Indicating Interest in this Project: Contractors who intend to respond to this solicitation are requested to notify the University by sending an e-mail to ponishi@hawaii.edu with the RFSOQ number and name in the subject line. Please include the name, address, telephone, fax number, and email address of the Contractor (firm) and contact person.

3.2 Preparing and Packaging Your Statement of Qualifications:

Statements of Qualifications should provide straightforward, concise information that satisfies the requirements noted in this RFSOQ. Expensive binding, color displays, and the like are discouraged. Emphasis should be placed on brevity, conformity to the University’s instructions, selection criteria of this RFSOQ, and completeness and clarity of content.

Each Contractor’s Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) should clearly and accurately demonstrate specialized knowledge and experience required for consideration. In a sealed envelope (clearly marked “Statement of Qualifications – (firm name). Webster Hall UHM THSSC - Landscape Improvements, RFSOQ No. 12-020”), submit the following:

a) One (1) compact disk containing the complete SOQ;

b) One (1) original and three (3) copies in paper form of the SOQ, which consists of a Cover Letter and responses to the qualification requirements listed in Section 5.0.

The prospective Contractor shall describe its specific responses to the selection criteria, numbered and titled as listed in Section 5.0.

Any questions regarding this solicitation document shall be directed in writing via e-mail to the Technical Representative of the Procurement Officer (TRPO). The TRPO for this RFSOQ is:

Patrick Onishi
E-mail: ponishi@hawaii.edu

4.0 Evaluation and Selection Process

It is the intention of the University to select a minimum of five (5) qualified Contractors, or all ranked Contractors if less than five Contractors have submitted Statements of Qualifications, to provide offers for construction services for this project taking into consideration the qualifications of the Contractor, as demonstrated by their evidenced competence and experience to accomplish the work of this project.

The Contractors’ Statements of Qualifications received will be analyzed and scored by members of a selection committee, which will be comprised of University employees
possessing applicable qualifications and experience. Each member of the selection committee will assign a point score according to the grading schedule in Section 5.0. Points assigned by the individual committee members will then be combined to determine a total score for each Contractor.

The University shall thereafter invite the top ranked Contractors to submit sealed offers for the construction of the project in accordance with the technical specifications, plans, and general and special provisions, which will be provided at the time of the request.

5.0 Selection Criteria

Contractors and their Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. **Experience and qualifications relevant to project type:**
   a. **Experience relevant to type of project.** Describe the Contractor’s experience related to replacement and/or restoration of site improvements and landscaping of facilities of comparable complexity and/or scope of work, while maintaining required pedestrian circulation and safety of users. **20 points**
   b. **Experience relevant to type of construction.** Describe the Contractor’s experience related to construction of site improvements involving architectural concrete finishes and accessory structures of structural steel, including the nature and quality of recently completed work. **15 points**
   c. **Experience with projects involving educational facilities that are in operation during construction.** Describe the Contractor’s experience and approach to working with the users of the facility in scheduling the work to accommodate the operational requirements of the facility. **15 points**
   d. **Professional staffing capabilities.** Describe the qualifications and the extent and depth of the experience of the personnel that will be assigned by the Contractor to perform the construction services described in this RFSOQ. A critical part of this evaluation will be the Contractor’s listing of the personnel to be assigned by the Contractor to perform the construction services described in this RFSOQ, including (1) each project staff’s resume detailing his or her specific construction background and experience, (2) the Contractor’s proposed organizational chart for the project team that would be assigned to this project, (3) a description of the Contractor’s lines of authority generally and for the Project in particular, and (4) the description of the duties and responsibilities for each of such personnel assigned to perform the construction services for the Project. The Contractor should highlight key personnel and their qualifications, including resumes, assigned to the Project. **15 points**

**SUBTOTAL FOR CRITERIA 1 = 65 Points**
2. Past performance on projects of similar scope for public agencies or private industry, including corrective actions and other responses to notices of deficiencies:
   a. Past performance with the University, or any Hawai‘i government entity. Describe the Contractor’s past performance in working with the University, any federal, state, or county government entity located in Hawai‘i, or any other college or university in Hawai‘i, in the construction of projects of comparable complexity and/or scope of work, and provide at least five (5) applicable references. **10 points**
   b. Past performance in taking corrective action. Describe the Contractor’s past performance in taking corrective action and other responses to notices of deficiencies in the construction of projects of comparable complexity and/or scope of work. *Cite three (3) examples of corrective action that was undertaken.* **5 points**

   **SUBTOTAL FOR CRITERIA 2 = 15 Points**

3. Capacity to accomplish the work in the required time: **10 points**
   Describe the Contractor’s approach to meet project schedules, including examples of recently completed projects of comparable complexity and/or scope of work. *Explain “how” and “what” was done to meet scheduling requirements.*

4. Quality control and safety practices, techniques, and methods used: **5 points**
   Describe the Contractor’s quality assurance program and procedures that have been used on projects of comparable complexity and/or scope of work.

5. Familiarity with applicable laws, codes, ordinances, and policies: **5 points**
   Describe the Contractor’s knowledge and familiarity with key laws, codes, ordinances, and University of Hawaii policies that require attention for renovation projects of this type. Elaborate by providing examples.

**TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS PER COMMITTEE MEMBER = 100 points**
6.0 Request for Qualifications Submittal Timetable

The University intends to pursue the following schedule for the review and consideration of all Statements of Qualifications submitted to the University. Any revisions to this schedule will be announced to all Contractors submitting SOQs.

**Thursday, April 26, 2012: Notice of Request for Statements of Qualification.** Post the notice of Requests for Statements of Qualification on the Office of Capital Improvements Website.

**Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 4:00 p.m.: Requests for Clarification Deadline.** Requests for Clarification must be received by the University no later than 4:00 p.m. (Hawaii Standard Time) via e-mail to the following e-mail address: ponishi@hawaii.edu

**Thursday, May 10, 2012, 4:00 p.m.: Statements of Qualifications Submittal Deadline.** Statements of Qualifications must be received by the University no later than 4:00 p.m. (Hawaii Standard Time) addressed and delivered to:

Tom Katsuyoshi, Director of Facilities Management Office
Facilities Management Office, University of Hawaii’i at Manoa
Attention: Webster Hall UHM THSSC - Landscape Improvements RFSOQ
2002 East-West Road, Room A-5
Honolulu, Hawaii’i 96822

One (1) compact disc (CD) containing the complete SOQ, One (1) original and three (3) copies of each Contractor’s Statement of Qualifications must be submitted at that time. **Statements of Qualifications submitted via electronic mail will not be accepted.**

**May 11, 2012 – May 17, 2012: Evaluate Statements of Qualifications.** The selection committee will evaluate and score the Contractor Questionnaires as submitted on the OCI website and the Statement of Qualifications of those Contractors who have made timely submittals.

**May 18, 2012: Selection notification.** At that time or whenever the University is prepared to do so, a minimum of five (5) highest ranked Contractors, or all ranked Contractors if less than five Contractors have submitted Statements of Qualifications, will be notified via email to the contact designated by each such Contractor.

**May 21, 2012 – June 5, 2012: Request for Offers.** The highest ranked Contractors will be invited to submit sealed offers for the construction Project in accordance with technical specifications, plans, and general and special provisions to be provided. The contract shall be awarded to the responsible and responsive offeror who submits the lowest priced offer and whose offer otherwise meets the requirements and criteria set forth in the project documents provided to the offerors under consideration.