The University of Iowa is seeking an architectural design firm to provide design services for the construction of a 41,000 square foot research facility that will provide Biosafety Level 1 and 2 vivarium space, including support and administrative space. Firms are required to have experience on multiple projects involving the design of animal housing facilities related to research. Interested and qualified firms are invited to submit qualifications for this project based on the preliminary scope of work identified below.

Project Background
Vivarium space and the functions within those spaces are a critical component to a wide range of important research performed on the University of Iowa campus. This new facility is required to meet current and future research needs. The project will also include the decommissioning and demolition of existing research buildings elsewhere on campus.

Project Scope
The proposed site for this facility is located at the Oakdale Campus/University of Iowa Research Park. The building will consist of a single-story facility with the ability to grow and expand to address potential vivarium needs in the future. The project also involves site improvements, including parking and utilities. The project is anticipated to bid in August 2013. Construction cost is estimated at $17 million.

Design Professional Selection
Selection of the architectural design firm will be based upon the submitted qualifications and interviews. As a minimum, the proposal should include:

- **Firm's general purpose brochure** [updated 5/16/12].
- Proposed project team, individual roles, qualifications, project experience and office location for each team member.
- Project team’s experience with animal housing facilities related to research managed or designed by the individuals on the proposed project team (List each team member’s role and reference with contact information for each project submitted).
- Project approach and staff availability, especially with respect to the aggressive design schedule.
- Familiarity with the University of Iowa project delivery process and design standard.
- **Detailed description of the firm's quality control procedures** [updated 5/16/12].
- Do NOT include subconsultants. Subconsultants will be determined through consultation with Planning, Design & Construction upon retention of architecture firm.

[Updated 5/16/12] The University will recommend an Iowa-based firm as Architect of Record, to the Board of Regents, State of Iowa. The University will work with the Architect to select the various consultants required for the project and whose work will be the responsibility of the Architect. A select number of Iowa-based architects will be invited to interview,
based on the University’s evaluation of the architect’s initial submittal material. Based on the interviews, the University will make its final recommendation for the Architect of Record.

June 26 is the date tentatively scheduled for these interviews. Short list firms will be given access to the initial study and program. Additional information may be requested from select firms. All firms submitting will be notified of the short list via e-mail. Short list firms will be notified of final selection via e-mail.

Firms interested in providing services for the project are required to submit five (5) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy on CD or DVD of qualifications (MAXIMUM 18 pages single-sided or nine (9) pages double-sided, not including cover or cover letter [updated 5/16/12]), no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 31, 2012 to:

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Please contact me at 319.384.0877 with any questions. Thank you for your consideration.