

Official Responses

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Architectural & Engineering Services – Second Floor Expansion

Archways, Tilton, New Hampshire

RFQ Release Date: March 11, 2026

Addendum Date: [March 27, 2026]

This addendum is hereby incorporated into the RFQ. Respondents are responsible for reviewing all addenda and official materials posted by Archways in connection with this procurement.

Reminder: As clarified in Addendum #1, the submission deadline is **April 6, 2026 at 8:00 PM ET**.

Questions and Responses

Question 1

What is the anticipated project schedule, including the timing for contractor bidding and construction start?

Response

The project schedule is dependent on final funding authorization, compliance with NBRC requirements, issuance of Notice to Proceed, and completion of design and permitting. Based on current planning assumptions, Archways anticipates design and permitting in spring and summer 2026, construction bidding in late summer or early fall 2026, and construction start in fall 2026, subject to funding alignment, required approvals, and procurement requirements.

Question 2

Are conceptual design documents available for review?

Response

Yes. Available conceptual design materials are being made accessible to all interested firms on our website, <https://www.archwaysnh.org/requests-for-proposals-rfqs.html>.

These materials are provided for reference to inform respondents' understanding of the project. Final design will be developed by the selected A/E firm and may evolve based on program needs, budget, permitting, and regulatory requirements.

Question 3

Is this RFQ for the same overall project that Archways had previously advanced?

Response

Yes. This RFQ relates to the same overall second floor expansion project, which is now moving forward into design and pre-construction following NBRC Catalyst funding.

Question 4

Will there be a future procurement for construction services or construction management services?

Response

Archways anticipates a future procurement for construction services as the project advances. However, the specific procurement approach, scope, and timing have not yet been finalized. Any future construction-related procurement will be publicly advertised and conducted in accordance with applicable federal, NBRC, state, and local procurement requirements.

Question 5

What is the current project budget or construction value?

Response

As stated in the RFQ, the project has received **\$1 million in NBRC Catalyst funding**, and Archways is actively pursuing additional funds, including through the Community Development Block Grant program. Final construction value and total project cost will be refined through the design, permitting, and funding alignment process.

Question 6

Where should respondents look for official procurement information and updates?

Response

The RFQ, addenda, and related materials are posted on the Archways website at <https://www.archwaysnh.org/requests-for-proposals-rfqs.html>. Respondents should rely on that page for official procurement information.

Question 7

Will interviews be conducted as part of the selection process?

Response

As stated in the RFQ, Archways intends to review and rank submissions based on qualifications. In the unusual circumstance where a recommendation cannot be made based on the RFQ process and selection criteria alone, the highest-ranked consultants may be invited to a telephone or video interview. Any such interviews would be conducted in accordance with the process outlined in the RFQ.