



## Notice of Request for Qualifications

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**The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium  
Science Annex Addition and Façade Restoration Projects  
St. Johnsbury, VT**

### Procurement Timeline

Issue Date: Friday, February 26, 2021

Bidders Site Visit: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – 1:00 PM

Deadline for Final Submission of Questions: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 - 4:00 PM

Responses to Questions Issued: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 - 4:00 PM

RFQ Submission Deadline: Monday, March 15, 2021 – 2:00 PM

Issue Request for Bid (RFB) to Pre-Qualified Contractors (Anticipated): Wednesday, March 31, 2021

RFB Submissions Due (Anticipated): Wednesday, April 21, 2021

Interviews of GCs (If Necessary): Monday, April 26 (afternoon)

Award Contract (Anticipated): Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Construction Start Date (Anticipated): Monday, May 10, 2021

Construction Completion (Anticipated): January/February 2022

NOTE: Given the current situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, this timeline may be subject to change.

### Project Summary

Vermont Integrated Architecture (VIA) and the Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium are delighted to issue this open call for qualifications from General Contractors for construction services of a Science Annex at the historic Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium. The scope of work encompasses two projects for which we intend to contract with one General Contractor. The projects are:

1. Science Annex: A 6,631 square foot addition and minor renovations to the existing building; and
2. Façade and roof restoration and repair to the historic building.

The Science Annex project will achieve many “firsts,” including being one of the first contemporary mass-timber public structures in Vermont. The Science Annex has been designed to far exceed energy code requirements for the State of Vermont and to minimize carbon emissions for both construction and operations long-term.

The façade and masonry restoration portion of the project includes repair, repointing, and resetting of some of the original stone of the building façade. In addition, it includes flashing, re-roofing, and structural upgrades at the two building spires/towers.

The Fairbanks Museum and Planetarium is located on Main Street in St. Johnsbury and is approximately 20,481 gsf. The Victorian building was constructed in 1889 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and houses collections which include historical artifacts, natural science specimens, and ethnological items from around the world. The original museum was expanded along its main central access with a southern addition and westerly reaching wing in 1895, giving it its current “U” configuration. In 1961 the Lyman Spitzer Jr. Planetarium opened and is housed on the upper level of the historic museum

Project documentation will be available digitally, upon request, on the issue date.

To request a digital copy of the RFQ and accompanying documentation, please contact:

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