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The General Services Department will receive Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) utilizing electronic bid management services via Civcast at <https://www.civcastusa.com/bids> for the following Project(s):

**Project Name and Number:** Turkey Bend Hispanic History Resource Center

WBS No: E-000244

**Project Description:**

The City is seeking design professionals to help transform the current building into a Hispanic History Research Center, which will include space for an archive, a gallery, meeting space, and staff office space, as described below:

The Hispanic History Research Center (HHRC): A Special Collections Library will be located in the renovated warehouse building with frontage along Navigation Boulevard and facing the outdoor porch plaza area to the west, adjacent to new retail spaces through the Buffalo Bayou Partnership. This Hispanic History Research Center will be dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of the Hispanic Culture in the Houston area. The special collection will contain books, manuscripts, and photographs of the lives and achievements of Hispanics in Houston. The space will consist of a welcome desk, shelving area for books and literature, research tables and collaboration areas. This Library will host events, exhibits, galleries, and programs.

Archive: The Archive will serve as a part of the HHRC and will be located in the Northeast portion of the site and will house sensitive materials. The Archive area will require Industry standard specifications for sensitive archival storage, including temperature and humidity control. A dry, waterless fire suppression system will be required for the Archive area. Staff will utilize space for digitizing, storing, and processing items. This area shall accommodate space for high density, rollable storage shelving. Conditions in the space should be designed to preserve and catalog historic documents.

Hispanic History Gallery: The Gallery is a curated exhibition space that serves as a window into the rich and diverse tapestry of the Hispanic Archival Collection and will include both a permanent gallery and a temporary rotating gallery.

Meeting Flex Space: This space to be shared between the HHRC and (future) Houston Public Library Express (HPLX) as a program flexible space. This area will be utilized to activate the Library Spaces through public programming for the community and in

collaboration with local organizations, artists, and influencers to co-host events or workshops.

Staff Office Area: Back of house administrative offices shall be located adjacent to the archive space/(future) HPLX, providing access to the loading dock and trash dumpster.

Design Intent: The design intent for the Houston Public Library is to design a non-traditional library experience at the Houston Hispanic Research Center at Turkey Bend. The combination of the adaptive reuse of the building, the adjacency to the plaza, the proximity to other retail within Turkey Bend, and the outdoor amenities create an opportunity for a unique design and style statement. HPL envisions a non-traditional library design approach with a focus on our customers and their experiences. The diversity of the design for this facility should encourage interior designers and architects who focus on mixed use and retail designs.

**Qualification Submittal Date:** Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 10:30am  
**Project Location:** 5803 Navigation Boulevard, Houston, TX 77011.  
**Project Manager:** Ulises Gonzalez / (832) 393-9133  
**Estimated Construction Budget:** \$6,534,955.00  
**Pre-submittal Meeting:** Tuesday, April 23, 2024  
900 Bagby Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 242  
Houston, TX 77026  
10:00am

The City will utilize online bidding services via Civcast at <https://www.civcastusa.com/bids>. **Electronic Proposals are due at 10:30 a.m., local time on Submittal Date.** Follow submittal instructions on <https://www.civcastusa.com/>.

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Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Cheryl Harris Contract Bid Management Group