

**Senior Center Building Upgrades and ADA Improvement Project
Request for Qualifications Question Response**

Question 1: Based on previous RFQ/Ps, you had a Prelim Architectural Report and ADA evaluation prepared in 2014. It is our understanding that CTA prepared the ADA report, but we are unaware of who performed the PAR. Are both of these available for information purposes at this time?

Answer 1: CTA Architects Engineers completed the Flathead County ADA Evaluation and Solus Architecture completed the Preliminary Architectural Report (PAR). The completed PAR and an excerpt from the ADA Evaluation related to the area Senior Centers are also provided at: <http://flathead.mt.gov/commissioner/>

Question 2: Can you provide us with a list of “local” architects who received the RFQ?

Answer 2: Flathead County posted a notice of the Senior Center project in the Daily Interlake on April 7 and April 14, 2016 directing interested firms to the County website where the full RFQ is posted for the public. Flathead County does not track which firms access the RFQ from the website.

The RFQ was also sent directly to 28 firms on file with the County that had previously requested in writing to be notified of similar projects; the majority of these firms are local to the Flathead Valley. Firms interested in automatically receiving information about future Flathead County projects may send a written request with your address and a brief summary of the goods or services that your organization provides to malbertson@flathead.mt.gov.

Question 3: Have there been specific improvements beyond the ADA items identified as a part of the scope or will additional improvements be determined as part of the overall evaluation of the project?

Answer 3: The primary focus of the project is to bring the four area Senior Centers into full compliance with ADA standards. There are however a few general building upgrades that have been identified and included in the original project plan and budget;

- Columbia Falls Senior Center: new roof, exterior paint, update electrical panel, replace hot water heater
- Whitefish Senior Center: update electrical panel, air conditioning system, exterior paint
- Bigfork Senior Center: HVAC system, update plumbing, replace flooring, update electrical panel, repair roof and insulation
- Adams Building (Kalispell Senior Center Office): all improvements at the Adams building are ADA related

Additional general building improvements may be considered based on the selected firm’s evaluation and as project funding permits.

Question 4: I am wondering if you had additional information on the scope, schedule and dollar size for the Senior Center building upgrade?

Answer 4: Flathead County is looking for a qualified firm to provide architectural services and construction oversight for the Senior Center improvement project from design through the completion of construction and inspection. A more detailed outline of the scope of work is provided in the project RFQ.

Flathead County intends to contract with a qualified firm in the first part of May. Ideally, the construction bid process would begin by July and construction would commence by late summer.

There is a total of \$546,824 budgeted for the Senior Center project. Flathead County received a MT Dept. of Commerce Community Development Public Facilities Grant of \$437,459 to fund the project. Flathead County has committed to providing the remaining \$109,365 as the required grant match.