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SUBJECT: McCoy Natatorium Addition / Indoor Tennis Center,
University Park

TO: Architectural Firms

The McCoy Natatorium was originally constructed in 1967 and although it has benefited from several renovations, it no longer meets the needs of the varsity swimming and diving teams nor student recreational swimming expectations.

In addition, just like McCoy Natatorium, the existing Indoor Tennis Center also is inadequate in meeting the needs of the varsity tennis teams as well as student and community recreational expectations.

In order to satisfy these needs, the University intends to build an addition to the McCoy Natatorium and a new Indoor Tennis Center. In November of 2010, Ewing Cole completed a feasibility study that established the programmatic needs, scope and sites for these projects. The identified sites are adjacent to each other and just east of the existing McCoy Natatorium; for that reason, in order to capture potential efficiencies in the design and construction of these two facilities, we will issue a single design contract and a single construction contract for both.

The major goals of the project include:

- Providing a state-of-the-art competition swimming and diving venue capable of hosting NCAA tournaments as well as PA high school meets.
- Freeing up space in the existing McCoy Natatorium for student recreation use.
- Creating a new indoor tennis facility capable of hosting NCAA matches and tournaments and accommodating the needs of the varsity tennis teams, student recreation and the Penn State Tennis Club.
- Enhancing the site and improving pedestrian circulation and accessibility through and around the facilities.

The program for the proposed 89,000 GSF McCoy Natatorium Addition includes:

- A 10 lane pool.
- A diving pool with fixed diving tower and four springboards.
- Pool deck area.
- A new entrance and connection to the existing building.
- Fixed seating for 2500 spectators (with possibility for an additional 750).
- Public restrooms and concessions.
- Locker rooms and training facilities.
- Staff and coaches office suites.
- Support spaces and storage.

The program for the proposed 92,000 GSF Indoor Tennis Facility includes:

- Ten NCAA compliant tennis courts.
- Seating for 600 spectators.

- Public restrooms and concessions.
- Tennis Club lockers, entrance and pro-shop.
- Visiting team locker rooms (PSU varsity locker rooms will remain in the existing Sarni Building).
- Staff and coaches office suites.
- Support spaces and storage.

At this point we anticipate using a pre-engineered building for the main tennis structure and include some enhancements at the entrance(s).

The total project budget for both facilities including soft costs and FF&E is \$65,000,000 with \$44,000,000 allocated to the McCoy Natatorium Addition and \$21,000,000 to the Indoor Tennis Center.

If your firm is interested in pursuing this project, please submit the following:

1. A brief statement detailing your firm's unique qualifications for designing facilities of this type and scope. Include a sampling of your previous relevant experience and graphic examples representative of your architectural designs.

2. Your firm's vision of what, beyond purely functional issues, constitutes the essence of this type of facility. To indicate to the Screening Committee your understanding of the uniqueness of this project, discuss some of the issues that are important in the design of a project of this type.

Please submit to my office ten hard copies of your response by noon on September 2, 2011 and limit your submission to five, single sided pages. If you have any questions regarding this request please contact me or Chris Haupt, the Project Manager at 412-370-8325.

The University will use a qualifications based selection process with long list, short list and interviews. The Screening Committee will select a long list of approximately ten firms from the respondents to this letter. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be posted to this website by September 14, 2011. The RFPs will be due in my office at noon on October 11, 2011. Three firms will be chosen from the RFP respondents and interviewed during the week of November 7, 2011. The results will be announced at the Board of Trustees meeting on November 11, 2011 and posted to this website.

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