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The City of Tuscaloosa requests proposals for Professional Architectural and Related Services for Design of Alberta Technology Public Library. The City of Tuscaloosa seeks the services of a professional architectural firm which has the knowledge, experience and expertise to perform the scope of services as requested. The project of interest is as follows:  
Alberta Technology Public Library. To facilitate an increased educational level in a low-moderate area and support the Alberta School of Performing Arts, the City intends to build the Alberta Technology Public Library, a 5,000 square foot building. This library, unlike any other in the state, will be bookless, but will still provide residents in the area, students of the performing arts school, and all Tuscaloosa citizens with the resources to broaden their knowledge. In keeping up with the times, books will be downloaded to e-readers which can then be checked out for a certain length of time. To prevent theft, e-reader battery life will expire

after a pre-determined length of time. The technology library will also offer computer access and meeting space for the public; it is the City's vision that the space will be utilized by low-moderate income individuals in the area as well as students from nearby colleges such as the University of Alabama. In addition to offering technology resources, the library will serve as a public shelter during inclement weather. The City of Tuscaloosa will oversee all construction for this project with additional resources of architectural, engineering and construction firms that will be selected through the appropriate bid procedures. The City of Tuscaloosa is allocating a total of \$2,800,000 to the Alberta Technology Public Library to cover the costs associated with architectural and engineering services, construction, and the necessary environmental reviews. Safe room must be built to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standards, and will be included in the project scope. Services may include basic architectural services such as

schematic and final drawings, plans and specifications, estimates of construction cost, bid phase and services during construction; services may also include studies, investigations, evaluations and engineering services if required. The firm must comply with all applicable state, local, and federal regulations related to the services provided to the City. The City reserves the right, subject to negotiation and agreement, in writing with the selected firm, to either expand or limit the scope of services as needed. The selected firm will be required to have sufficient personnel to complete the tasks required by the scope of services. The selected firm will complete the required tasks in a timely and efficient manner. The selected firm would be expected to enter into a

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contract for services based upon the firm's hourly rates and an agreed-upon not to exceed amount. Proposals are due by close of business Friday, October 25, 2013. Firms are required to follow the instructions contained in the City's RFP document. To obtain a copy of the RFP for these services, please contact the Office of the City Attorney at 205-248-5140 and reference file number A13-0624. Alternatively, the RFP is available on the City of Tuscaloosa website at [www.tuscaloosa.com](http://www.tuscaloosa.com).  
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