

Frequently Asked Questions about Riverside County Pre-Qualifications

The Economic Development Agency (EDA) is interested in promoting business opportunities. We offer different ways in which you can participate in partnering with the County on their next public works project.

Question: Can I send our company's brochure to you so we can be considered for your next project?

We'd prefer, however, that you look to the next Request for Qualifications, Request for Proposals, or Notice Inviting Bids on the EDA Proposals & Quotations link at <https://www.rivcoeda.org/About-EDA/Proposals-Quotations>. In fact, you can sign up for an email notice whenever something is posted. In the upper right corner, you'll see an icon with the text "Receive Updates by Email".

Question: Our architectural firm is interested in providing design services for Riverside County. What do we need to do?

There's a couple of options for you. The EDA regularly updates their prequalified list for Architects and Engineers and other professional services such as Construction Management, Labor Compliance, Geotechnical and Environmental firms as well as Real Estate Services every three years. This means that the firms' Statement of Qualifications (SOQs) have been through the evaluation process, ranked and selected to provide "on-call" services. The current three-year cycle of prequalified consulting services is now closed. See the updated schedule for prequalification cycles below.

If you've missed out on the prequalification cycle, there may be an opportunity with a **project-specific** Request for Qualification or Request for Proposal. For example, for a fire station project, we may advertise for a design firm that specializes in this unique building type. Again, the best way to get know about these opportunities is to sign up for alerts by email at <https://www.rivcoeda.org/About-EDA/Proposals-Quotations>.

Question: I'd like to be on your pre-qualified general contractor list for the County. What do I need to do?

It depends on a three factors and they are not interchangeable, meaning that being on one list doesn't mean you are prequalified on another:

1) First, it depends on which prequalified list you're on, mainly whether it's for public works construction under \$200,000 or over \$200,000. The **Riverside County Purchasing Department** maintains a prequalified list of all types of contractors for work **under \$200,000**. This RFQ is posted on the County Purchasing's website at <https://purchasing.co.riverside.ca.us/Bids/BiddingOpportunities.aspx>

As the County's Designated Building Official, the **Economic Development Agency (EDA)** is responsible for public works new construction, renovation or tenant improvements of county owned facilities projects **over \$200,000** and maintains three prequalified lists for public works construction. EDA's Proposals & Quotations are advertised under the EDA website above.

2) Second, it depends on **what type of contractor you are**. EDA maintains a list of prequalified B-license **general (prime) contractors** for the traditional design-bid-build, or "hard bid" public works projects for projects over \$200,000 who are responsible for the entire project. The prequalification is divided into

three categories and two experience levels: General County Facilities, OSHPD/Hospital Facilities, and Justice/Detention Facilities from \$200,000 to \$4,999,999 and \$5,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

That's different from the prequalified list of **construction trade contractors** who perform one specific craft or trade under a license for that trade on a construction project (e.g. plumbing, painting, electrical work, mechanical, etc.) but are not responsible for the entire project.

Finally, there's a prequalified list of B-license general (prime) contractors for **Job Order Contracting (JOC)** for small to medium renovation projects other than new construction;

3) Third, it depends on the **expiration date** of your prequalification status. The current deadlines for County Wide Pre-Qualifications are:

<u>Who Does Pre-Qualifications</u>	<u>Who is Pre-Qualified</u>	<u>RFQ Available</u>
Riverside County Purchasing	Contractors for public works under \$200,000	Year Round
Riverside County EDA	*Contractors for public works over \$200,000	Early 2020
Riverside County EDA	*Trade Contractors for public works over \$200,000	Early 2020
Riverside County EDA	Architectural/Engineering & Professional Services	Winter 2020

*Prequalification status for contractors is only good for 12 months. If that 12 month clock is winding down, chances are the County is ramping up to advertise for the next cycle, so you will have a chance to apply for prequalification with the County. The actual expiration dates are not all the same, so make sure you sign up for email alerts at <https://www.rivcoeda.org/About-EDA/Proposals-Quotations>.

Question: We went through the Request for Qualifications process with EDA but didn't get on the prequalified list. Does that mean we can't bid on County projects?

Just because you weren't selected to be prequalified, doesn't necessarily make you ineligible to bid on County projects. There may be an opportunity with a project-specific Request for Qualification or Request for Proposal coming up. Or, you may want to apply again in the next prequalification round. Take advantage of the de-briefing session that's offered at the end of the RFQ process. We're here to help you succeed.

Question: Are the RFQs project specific?

The title of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will usually state whether it is for a specific project or it is a general prequalification that we are establishing for future county projects. Prequalification ensures that the firm has the proper license, experience and quality in order to perform the services or work for the County. In addition, some RFQs that are project-specific may require that only prequalified firms are eligible to submit bids. It's important to read the RFQ for that purpose.

Question: Who do I call if I have any questions on an RFQ?

On the cover of each Request for Qualifications or in the Notice section, you'll see the name of the Project Manager and contact information listed. In addition, all "open" RFQs will post any addendums on the EDA Proposals and Quotations link, so it's up to you to check on whether any changes to the RFQ, including deadline extensions, are posted.