

Calabasas Senior Center Design/Build Project Interview Questions

We anticipate the interview process to take approximately 60-75 minutes

The design/build team should prepare a 10-15 minute opening presentation for the selection committee; provide a concept sketch to allow the committee to evaluate your design approach; and be prepared to address the following questions.

1. Please elaborate on your direct experience as a general contractor/architect working together as a design/build or design/bid/build team? Please introduce the person who will be the primary point of contact between your team and the City (This individual should be prepared to discuss their past design/build projects and their direct knowledge of managing a design/build team and the skills necessary to be successful).
2. For the designer, what are the unique design challenges of a senior center? What is at the cutting edge of design for senior centers and what do you understand to be innovative features and accommodations for such facilities?
3. Please be prepared to discuss your concept sketch, and the thoughts you have about approaching the concept design phase. What challenges arise in meeting the City's goal to seamlessly integrate this facility onto the campus?
4. Please provide your opinion as to the timeline and feasibility of delivering the City's desired program and scope within the allocated budget of \$4M. How many square feet do you feel our building program equates to? For a building of comparable construction to that of our City Hall/Library, what would be your estimated cost per square foot in today's market?
5. The City has established a LEED silver rating for the project. What is your opinion as to the additional percentage of cost to obtain LEED gold? LEED platinum?
6. Understanding who your competition is, please tell us how your team stands apart from them, and why you should be selected to do this project.