

Request for Qualifications for UWF Haas Center's EDA University Center: Accelerate Florida's Minority Entrepreneurs and Veterans by Building Wealth in Sustainable Businesses

The University of West Florida Haas Center announces this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from parties with the expertise to coordinate outreach to minority chambers statewide. Where such chambers do not exist, the sub-contractor will collect contact information from the minority entrepreneur, then connect minority businesses with a local SBDC office **and** to UWF Haas Center's Sea3D Lab, which serves as a hub for multidisciplinary research, invention, and discovery in the high-demand field of additive manufacturing, providing a space for real-world problems to be transformed in creative solutions. Sea3D provides a space for students, business leaders and community members to collaborate on the creation of products.

The budget for this project is sub contract is \$5,000 per year for 5 years (subject to full funding being provided to the UWF Haas Center each year). The deadline for completion of service is June 30, 2027.

Please submit an attestation of qualifications and statement of interest to haascenter@uwf.edu. The preferred response date for this RFQ is January 27, 2023. UWF will select a successful sub-contractor on February 3, 2023.

Required Qualifications

- Performance history with regional Florida minority chambers
- Demonstrated experience with professional Sales, Information Systems, Quality Control and Management
- Maintains strong relationships in the Business, Political, Non-Profit, and Educational Community with documented results
- Performance in development through membership and sponsors
- Proven reach to senior leaders and elected officials at the Local and State levels
- Proven reach to private sector executives and industry senior leaders

Preferred Qualifications

- Lead point of contact holds a Masters **or** a Bachelor of Science in Management or similar disciplines
- Demonstrated community service related to small businesses and/or entrepreneurs
- Recent customer and client engagements

If you have questions about this RFQ, please contact Nicole Gislason at ngislason@uwf.edu.