

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Architectural & Engineering Services SAU Tech Defense Manufacturing Center of Excellence

1. Question: We were wondering if you have a project schedule in mind for the SAU Tech Defense Manufacturing Center of Excellence, as well as a target project budget you are hoping to meet.

Answer: Project Timeline: SAUT would like to begin classes in the new facility no later than August 2029.

2. Question: We are interested in potentially pursuing the RFQ and would appreciate any additional information you can share.

Answer: Projected budget for construction: \$15,000,000 minus architect and engineering fees.

3. Question: Was a feasibility study performed? If so, can that be shared? Has a site been selected? If so, can that be shared? Are there any federal technical design or security guidelines that we will need to follow either due to the funding mechanism and/or the programmed use of the facility?

Answer: We are currently performing an environmental assessment on the site selected. The Site is on SAU Tech campus. A Google Earth overview is attached. The grant funds will be administered through T-HUD Community Block grant. The appropriation came from CDS (Congressional Discretionary Spending). The outline on the Google Earth may not be to scale.



4. Question: Is there a maximum page count for the SOQ? **Answer:** No

5. **Question:** Are there any binding, paper-size, tab, or formatting requirements? **Answer:** No

6. **Question:** Is electronic submission required in addition to the six hard copies? **Answer:** No

7. **Question:** Under Relevant Project Experience, the requested information consists primarily of firm information. Should respondents also provide project examples in this section, or should all project examples be limited to the Higher Education and Manufacturing Facilities section? **Answer:** No

8. **Question:** Has a site on the SAU Tech campus already been identified?

Answer: Yes, the site selected is located on SAU Tech campus.

9. **Question:** When is this project expected to go to bid for contractors, and what is the expected start date for construction?

Answer: The construction timeline will be finalized upon advice from the Construction Manager and Architect.

10. **Question:** Has SAU Tech developed a preliminary program, space allocation, or other planning information for the facility beyond the general functions identified in the RFQ? If so, is that information available to respondents?

Answer: Yes, in order to apply for the community block grant, we had to have some preliminary information ready. That preliminary information was developed by our on-call architect. It is basic information that could change based on the company selected for architecture and construction services.

11. **Question:** What advanced manufacturing processes, technologies, and major equipment are currently anticipated for the facility (e.g., machining, additive manufacturing, robotics/automation, welding, composites, assembly, inspection/testing, or similar)?

Answer: The list of programs will be finalized during the design phase.

12. **Question:** Are there specific defense industry or manufacturing partners participating in development of the facility program? If so, is it anticipated that these partners will participate in programming and/or design?

Answer: We anticipate lots of participation from our major partners in the Highland Industrial Park area.

13. **Question:** What types of applied research and testing activities are currently anticipated? Are there any known specialized laboratory, testing, high-bay, or equipment requirements?
Answer: Yes. There will be specialized programs with specialized needs. The final determination will be made during design phase.
14. **Question:** Are there anticipated security, controlled-access, cybersecurity, ITAR/CUI, or other defense-related requirements that should be considered in assembling the design team and developing the facility?
Answer: Yes, to all.
15. **Question:** Has a site on the SAU Tech campus been selected? If so, is information available regarding the site and existing campus utilities/infrastructure serving it?
Answer: Right now, the site selected is on SAU Tech campus. All IT and utilities infrastructure will be available.
16. **Question:** Is there a preliminary construction budget or funding target that can be shared for purposes of understanding the anticipated scale and level of investment in the facility?
Answer: Yes. Currently, the construction portion of the grant is \$15,000,000 minus architecture and engineering services.
17. **Question:** Is there a target date for facility completion/occupancy or commencement of the academic and workforce-development programs that will utilize the new facility?
Answer: Fall 2029 will be a feasible target date.
18. **Question:** If known, when is this project expected to go to bid for contractors and what is the expected start date for construction?
Answer: The construction timeline will be finalized upon advice from Construction Manager and Architect.