***Seneca Gaming Corporation***



Request For Proposal RFP SRC-0073-23JN Seneca Office Building – Human Resources Department Refresh General Construction

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# Introduction

Seneca Gaming Corporation is a wholly owned, tribally chartered corporation of the Seneca Nation of Indians (the “Nation”) which operates all of the Nation’s Class III gaming operations in Western New York.

Seneca Gaming Corporation, through its wholly owned subsidiaries, owns and operates Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino in Niagara Falls, New York, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino in Salamanca, New York, and Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino in Buffalo, New York. For additional information, please visit our website at [www.Senecacasinos.com](http://www.Senecacasinos.com).

# RFP Objective

Seneca Gaming Corporation (SGC) is seeking qualified construction contractors in connection with renovations to be completed at Seneca Office Building, at its Human Resources Department location on the first floor, according to specifications provided by its Architect of Record.

The qualified construction contractor will provide all tools, materials, equipment, supervision and labor to complete this project. SGC is accepting bid responses from union & non-union laborers (with prevailing wages), including any subcontractors. Please confirm in your bid response if you plan to use union or non-union laborers.

# Specifications & Drawings

SGC’s Architect of Record, Apex Architecture, will be managing the design aspects of the project. Apex has provided all project related specifications and drawings, which are available to bidders who confirm their intent to bid.

# RFP Administrative Information

## Contact Information

Name: Joe Nichols, SGC Director of Procurement

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## Schedule of Events

RFP issue date: 9/18/2023

Bidder confirms intent to bid by 9/22/2023

Pre-bid Meeting (virtual): 9/26/2023

Mandatory On Site Walkthrough: 9/27/2023

**Bid Submission Deadline: 10/06/2023 by 5:00 PM Eastern**

## Intent to Bid and Bidder Questions

Please reply to the RFP Contact (section IV. A.) with your intent to bid no later than Friday, September 22nd at 5:00 PM. Bidders will receive construction drawings with 24 hrs. of confirming their intent to bid.

## Pre-bid Meeting (virtual):

A pre-bid meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, September 26th at 11:00am – 11:30am to introduce the Project Manager and the Architect of Record. A review of the project & drawings will be held at this time and the Project Manager & Architect will be available to answer any questions. A WebEx meeting request will be sent to bidders after they confirm their intent to bid.

## Mandatory On-Site Walkthrough

All participating bidders are required to attend a mandatory on site walkthrough of the project site. The walkthrough will take place on Wednesday, September 27th 11:00am – 12:00pm.

Go to the 3rd Street entrance of the Seneca Office Building and check in at the Security Desk. Stay in the lobby area and the RFP contact will pick you up. We anticipate the walkthrough to be completed within 1 hour.

## Submission of Proposals

Proposals must be submitted in electronic form, preferably in Microsoft Word and/or Microsoft Excel formats. **Note: SGC’s email system rejects incoming messages with attachments exceeding 20 MB**. Bidders are encouraged to confirm that the Coordinating Buyer received their bid, prior to the bid submission deadline (date and time) indicated in the above schedule of events.

The Coordinating Buyer must receive proposals on or before the bid submission deadline. **Proposals received after the bid submission deadline will not be considered.**

## Proposal Format

Send RFP response with all requested information answered in the format provided, along with any supporting attachments, electronically via email as stated in (above) Section E. Submission of Proposals.

Bidders must complete the attached excel workbook **RFP SRC-0073-23JN SOB HR** **Construction Contractor - Exhibit A**

In addition, the following documents must be sent with your RFP response:

**1. Bidder Representations and Certifications**

A corporate officer or person who is authorized to represent Bidder must complete, sign, and date the Bidder Certifications and Representations shown on the last page of this RFP document, Section VI.

**2. Appendix-A: Evidence of Insurance**

Evidence of current insurance is to be provided to the satisfaction of SGC’s Risk Management Department. Insurance requirements vary depending upon the nature of the services and the degree of risk. Standard requirements include minimum $5 million general liability coverage (per occurrence and in the aggregate) [$10 million for construction-related contracts], $1 million automobile liability coverage, combined single limit, for all vehicles brought on-site, worker’s compensation and employer liability insurance in accordance with state law. Additional types of insurance, including, without limitation, professional liability insurance and network privacy/data security/cyber liability insurance, may be required in specific circumstances. SGC and related persons and entities will be additional insured under the general liability and automobile liability policies of insurance.

SGC’s Risk Management Department has discretion to increase, decrease, or dispense with insurance in appropriate cases. They may, in addition to or instead of insurance, require signature of a Waiver, Indemnification and Hold Harmless form by any individuals who will be present on SGC property.

For additional details, see section 22 of SGC’s Standard Terms & Conditions at <https://senecacasinos.com/media/zqdd2j1f/sgc-standard-terms-and-conditions-v-10-30-20.pdf>

**3. Appendix-B: Standard Agreements**

Bidders are invited to include their standard form of agreement (preferably in Word format) to form the basis of the contract should it be awarded to them. However, SGC reserves the right to utilize its own standard form of agreement.

## Conditions

Under no circumstances will responses be made available to other organizations, either wholly or in part, without Vendor’s prior written permission.

By participating in this RFP:

* Bidder agrees that you will not directly contact any SGC employee without prior written approval from SGC. Failure to do so may revoke your invitation to participate in this RFP.
* Bidder agrees to keep confidential all information related to this RFP. Any sharing of this information without express permission will exclude Vendor from consideration. This RFP and all supporting attachments and related communications may not be duplicated or distributed in any form to any other company without prior written permission.

Bidder agrees that all information provided in their RFP response is valid for a minimum of 90 days from the response date.

All costs incurred by the bidder for participating in this evaluation will be the responsibility of the bidder. SGC will not reimburse any bidder costs or expenses.

All responses to the RFP become the property of SGC.

## Proposal Evaluation/Vendor Selection

Proposals will be evaluated to determine their completeness and compliance with the mandatory requirements and qualifications specified throughout this document. Failure to comply with one or more of these requirements may result in the proposal being rejected as non-responsive. SGC reserves the right to waive deviations it deems non-material and/or to reject any and all Proposals in its sole discretion.

The successful Bidder(s) will be notified by email of the award of contract, conditional upon appropriate licensure through SGC’s regulatory authority, the Seneca Gaming Authority (“SGA”), providing proof of insurance to the satisfaction of SGC’s Risk Management Department, and signature of a contract and/or issue of a Purchase Order. It is only following all of these actions that the successful Bidder will be considered a Vendor of SGC.

Successful Bidders must complete SGC’s Vendor Registration Form and W-9 (or equivalent for non-U.S. persons/entities). If required, they must also complete and submit to the SGA the requisite vendor license application. They are also responsible for payment of SGA processing or vendor license fees plus the Seneca Nation of Indians Business License fee. Fees range from $750 to $2,500 depending upon the nature of the services. These requirements must be completed and, if applicable, the requisite SGA vendor license issued, prior to signature of the contract. Vendor licenses and fees must be renewed every two years. SGA may also, in an appropriate case, require the licensure of individual employees who perform certain services that are or may be closely associated with SGC’s casino operation. As SGA retains the discretion to make this type of determination on a case-by-case basis, SGC is unable at the RFP point in the bidding process to state definitively whether such licensure will be required in any particular case.

## General Bidder Information

This RFP does not commit SGC to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the RFP, nor to procure or contract for services or supplies.

It is the policy of SGC that all Proposals are to be held unopened and confidential until after the closing date and time. At the bid opening, Proposals will be opened by the contact Coordinating Buyer and are reviewed by a compliance representative.

Bid Validity. Bidder’s bid submission must remain valid for a minimum of ninety (90) days from the bid closing date.

Minority Bidders:SGC gives priority to Bidders who are Native American, minority, women-owned or small disadvantaged businesses. If your company falls into any of these categories or has contracted with such businesses for the purpose of the proposal, please note as such on your proposal.

Alternative Proposals*(if applicable)*are accepted based on the following conditions: SGC will consider alternative proposals from Bidders provided they have submitted a response based on the original requirements. The alternative Proposal will be submitted separate and apart from the basic Proposal. It is assumed that the materials included in the alternative Proposal meet all of the qualifications of the original Proposal.

Substitutes. Any recommended substitutions should be attached separately. *Products may require testing before acceptance. Bidder’s pricing must include the conversion calculations if your size, pack, weight, etc. is not the same as the specified product(s).* SGC solicits Bidders’ recommendation(s) for new products and/or services leading to lower costs.

Projected Volume. Bidders are advised that the volumes or quantities indicated on the RFP are for reference purposes only and must not be taken as guaranteed or as constituting representations by SGC. Actual volume and quantities may vary depending upon the needs of the SGC departments or business units for which the goods and/services are destined and fluctuations in the business cycle.

## SGC Standard Terms and Conditions

Any purchase order or contract flowing from this RFP (in the absence of language to the contrary in the contract) is subject to the terms and conditions hereof as well as to Seneca Gaming Corporation’s Standard Terms and Conditions which are available on the following website: <https://senecacasinos.com/media/zqdd2j1f/sgc-standard-terms-and-conditions-v-10-30-20.pdf>.

Reference to, or inclusion of, the Bidder’s preprinted terms and conditions with Bidder’s Proposal will not be considered as an exception to SGC Terms and Conditions.

# Scope

## Company Overview & RFP Requirements

The following attachment contains information related SGC’s areas in scope, requirements, and specifications.

***SEE ATTTACHMENT: RFP SRC-0073-23JN SOB HR Construction Contractor - Exhibit A***

## Tax Exempt Status

Seneca Gaming Corporation is a governmental instrumentality of the Seneca Nation of Indians all of whose operations (except for its golf course) are on sovereign Seneca Territory. SGC will provide a New York State tax exemption certificate issued in the name of the Seneca Nation of Indians, as applicable.

## Payment Terms

SGC standard payment terms are Net 30 days after delivery of goods and/or services and receipt of a correct invoice. Bidder is encouraged to indicate any additional early payment/ discount terms in its Proposal. It is the policy of SGC not to provide deposits unless significant discounts or special circumstances apply.

# Vendor Requirements

## Proposal

Successful Bidders should expect that their response to the RFP and any accompanying supporting materials will be incorporated into any contract signed with SGC.

## Seneca Nation Business Registration Fee (SNIBRF)

## Vendor must pay the SNIBRF of $750 directly to the Seneca Gaming Authority once total payment to the vendor exceeds $10,000. Failure to pay the fee when required may result in termination of further business with Seneca Gaming Corporation.

## Tribal Employment Rights Office (“TERO”) Ordinance

The Seneca Gaming Corporation and its subsidiaries comply with the Seneca Nation of Indians TERO Ordinance which may require a TERO Compliance Plan to be submitted to the TERO Office prior to completing any work on-site. Contact the Seneca Nation of Indians TERO Compliance Office at 716-532-4900 ext. 5413 or Route 438 Irving, NY 14081. The intent of the TERO Ordinance is to increase employment for Native American workers and businesses. A copy of the TERO Ordinance may be obtained from the TERO Office. SGC is not responsible for providing notice or information to Awarded Vendors concerning TERO matters; rather, it is the Awarded Vendors’ sole responsibility to contact the TERO Compliance Office to ensure compliance, when applicable. Where applicable the TERO office will assess a fee equal to 5% of the contract price. ***The TERO fee, where applicable, should be shown as a separate line item in the pricing proposal.***

# Bidder Certifications and Representations

Bidder is a reputable company fully qualified and regularly engaged in providing products and/or services necessary to meet the terms, conditions and requirements of the RFP.

Bidder is aware of, is fully informed about, and is in full compliance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances.

Bidder understands the requirements and specifications set forth in this RFP and affirms that no compensation has been received for participation in the preparation of the specifications for this RFP.

1. Bidder has reviewed and understood SGC’s Standard Terms & Conditions found at <https://senecacasinos.com/media/zqdd2j1f/sgc-standard-terms-and-conditions-v-10-30-20.pdf>

Bidder represents and warrants that all goods and services quoted in response to this RFP will meet or exceed the safety standards established and promulgated under the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Law (Public Law 91-596) and its regulations in effect or proposed as of the date of this solicitation.

All statements, information and representations prepared and submitted in response to this RFP are current, complete, true and accurate. Bidder acknowledges that SGC will rely on such statements, information and representations in selecting the Awarded Vendor. If selected by SGC as the Awarded Vendor, Bidder will notify SGC immediately of any material change in any matters with regard to which Bidder has made a statement or representation or provided information.

**I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am authorized to sign as a representative for the Bidder listed below:**

Legal Name of Bidder: ­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DBA (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Representative’s Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Representative’s Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Representative’s Printed Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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