

Qualifications-Based-Selection(QBS) of architects & engineers in local government

Does your local government need to contract for architectural and/or engineering design services? Come to this program and learn about a process that can be key to making the right decisions.

About the QBS Course

Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) is a process that ensures that the right architectural and/or engineering design firm is matched to the right project in a manner that evaluates financial considerations within the context of long-term costs of infrastructure investments. The total investment price of a large capital project like a jail or water treatment plant may include such factors as initial design services and construction contract values, redesign, change orders, construction delays, and life cycle operating and maintenance costs. A low price firm with inadequate expertise could actually lead to a much higher overall project cost.

This course uses interactive instruction and case studies to demonstrate how local governments, by using the principles of QBS, can demonstrate good financial stewardship to citizens. The process is explained in a step-by-step format, including how to avoid common pitfalls, ways to refine project scope as a part of the consultant selection process, local variations on QBS principles, strategies for updating your government's procurement procedures to anticipate QBS, how to deal with the political impacts of sensitive consultant selections, and how to educate the public on elements of the QBS process.

A course notebook is provided, along with a QBS manual published by the American Public Works Association. Continental breakfast, lunch, and morning and afternoon breaks are provided.

Who Should Attend

For most communities, selected and contracting with an architect or engineer for design of a construction project is not a routine task. This course will be helpful to a wide variety of city and county officials who are typically involved in the planning, design, and/or construction phases of a project, including

- elected officials
- public works directors
- purchasing officials
- water and sewer directors

- city/county clerks

Instructors

The instructors are Scot Wrighton, management development associate with the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government; and Dan Skalsky, senior vice president of Gresham Smith and Partners, Architects and Engineers.

When and Where

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Ramada Plaza Hotel

108 First St, Macon, Ga.

TIME, COST, LOCATION:

Registration from 8:00 to 8:30 am

Program begins at 8:30 am, and concludes at 4:30 pm

Registration fee of \$120/per person includes lunch, breaks and instructional materials. The Ramada Plaza Hotel has set aside a block of rooms for this event at a discounted government rate.

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