“Submission Requirements” (Page 4) – In regards to the statement, “Inclusion of additional design consultants is not required as part of this initial solicitation; the selected firm will be asked to propose specialized consulting firms such as Landscape, AV, MEP, Structural, etc. for UNI's consideration.”, does the University of Northern Iowa intend for all such specialty consultants to be contracted through the prime consultant or are there specific consultants, such as Information Technology/Audio Visual Systems, Security, Acoustics, etc. that the University intends to contract directly and coordinate with the Prime Consultant?

A UNI anticipates all project consultants will be contracted through the selected prime consultant.

Q The RFQ asks that architects “propose specialized consulting firms such as Landscape, AV, MEP, Structural, etc. for UNI’s consideration.” Is this to be done as part of our response to the RFQ, or during the interview stage?

A UNI will work with the selected prime consultant on the rest of the consultant team, ensuring that both entities are comfortable with the selected sub-consultants.

Q “Submission Requirements” (Page 4), Item 3, Bullet 2, Sub-Bullet 2 – In regards to the labs and shops spaces and their associated technologies and industrial equipment, does the University have any standard providers, suppliers, vendors for specialized industrial equipment that will be involved in the recommendation, selection, and/or specification of equipment with the University staff and the Prime Consultant? Additionally, will the University provide a detailed equipment lists for current equipment to be reused, and new equipment to be purchased?

A These types of items will be answered through the course of programming and schematic design. At this point, no specific equipment or manufacturers have been identified.

Q “Submission Requirements” (Page 4) – In regards to the statement, “Please limit your submission to no more than twenty (20) pages.”, does the University's interpretation of the twenty page limit include Covers, Table of Contents, Tabs, and Dividers? Additionally, as the submission is to be provided in electronic PDF format, does the University have any restrictions on the digital page size (i.e. 8.5"x11", etc.) that it intends to state?

A The RFQ specifies that it is to be submitted as a .pdf document and is to be 20 pages maximum. That would include all pages. Page size is to be 8 ½” x 11” and can be either landscape or portrait mode.
Q  “Preliminary Selection Schedule” (Page 3) – In regards to the project phasing and construction, is the University planning on maintaining continuous operations in the facility as work is being done to the building or are other accommodations being made for facilities elsewhere?

A  For the most part, course work taught in ITC is unique to the university. As such, parts of the program that can’t be relocated (shop, foundry) must remain in operation while other parts (lectures, offices) may be located to other campus buildings, resulting in a phased approach.

Q  Although not critical for our RFP, I assume the selected architect will develop the schedule with you for the initial phases of Programming/Design and the Final Schematic Design report. I’m guessing the outcome of the review of the December 2017 Feasibility Study could shape the timeline and required milestones.

A  Correct, the project schedule and timeline will be part of final fee and contract negotiations.