



ASC 2026 REGION VI

STUDENT COMPETITION PROBLEM REVIEW

DESIGN BUILD CATEGORY

McCarthy is pleased to sponsor the Region VI Design-Build Competition. We hope the problem chosen this year will be a challenging, yet fun opportunity to help prepare you for this dynamic industry. The problem will allow each team to demonstrate their understanding of the design-build process. Realizing that the competition requires a great deal of work and dedication, each participant and team is commended for participating. We believe you will find the experience gained here to be worth the effort you exert.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. intends to accept responses to a Request For Proposal (RFP) that will be issued on Thursday, February 5th, 2026 for design and construction services related to a high-security, 24-hour operational facility.

RFP OBJECTIVES

The design and planning guidelines stipulate that each Proposer submit a design proposal along with a Lump Sum price. Award of the Project will be based on the submitted proposal, in accordance with the RFP, and scored per the following evaluation criteria:

- Prequalification (5 points): Submit the prequalification application prior to the Pre-Proposal Conference.
- Part A – Technical Proposal (40 Points): Proposals shall address requirements set forth in the RFP.
- Part B – Clarification Interview (55 Points): The Selection Committee (SC) will conduct individual Proposal Team interviews on Friday, February 6th, 2026. The purpose of these meetings is for each Design-Build Entity (DBE) to present and confirm information provided in their respective Proposal. In these interviews, the DBE may expand upon the relevant information provided in their Proposal, and they will also respond to questions from the SC. Each DBE shall have their proposed Key Personnel assigned to the Project present as the primary representatives during this process. The selection criteria will be consistent with the Technical Proposal evaluation criteria outlined in Part A.

EVALUATION

The SC will review and evaluate each Design-Build Prequalification, Technical Proposal, and Proposal Clarification Interview, arriving at consensus selection of the DBE that offers the best overall value to the owner.

Note: The scoring system and allocation may change prior to distribution of the RFP.

PREQUALIFICATION DOCUMENTS

Each DBE must prepare a Prequalification Submittal and provide one (1) digital copy emailed to tlewis@mccarthy.com. The Prequalification Submittal must be submitted prior to the Pre-Proposal Conference which is currently scheduled for 7:00 AM on Thursday, February 5th, 2026. Unrelated information, other than what is requested below, will result in an unfavorable review by the SC. As 5% of your total score depends on the Prequalification Submittal contents, it is imperative that you complete this work prior to arriving at the competition.

On one 11x17 page submit the following information:

- 1. Introduction** – State your intent to participate and objective for the competition.
- 2. Project Team** – Present the name of the competing Team (DBE) and the school that is being represented in a formal marketed format.
- 3. Organizational Chart** – Include a graphic representation showing the roles and responsibilities of each member. Next to the name of each member include a picture and active e-mail address that will be used during the competition to relay important information.
- 4. RFP Schedule** – Include a schedule (in any format), that clearly depicts to the SC how the DBE intends to plan out their activities during the competition. Assume a start time of 7:00 AM Thursday, February 5th, 2026 and a 9:00 PM Thursday, February 5th, 2026 submission time for RFP, Proposal Interview Presentation and any supportive materials.
- 5. Resumes** – Following the previous deliverable provide the following information: Provide a current (actual) resume of the members on the Team, along with photos of each Team member for use by the SC.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. encourages the use of all available resources, including the Internet, during the competition. However, please be advised that our intent is to evaluate each Team's ability to come up with creative and innovative solutions. Solutions to the problem that closely match actual Project design, schedule, budget, etc. are not expected.

