



Recommended Language for Request for Proposals (RFPs):

It is recommended that an RFP for any large renovation or new construction project owned by a public agency that meets the following gross square footage requirements include the paragraph shown in bold at the bottom of this document:

Gross Square Feet Requirements:

“A public facility building construction project larger than ten thousand (10,000) gross square feet of occupied or conditioned space, and its public real-property site; or

(ii) A public facility building renovation project larger than ten thousand (10,000) gross square feet of occupied or conditioned space, and its public real-property site.

“Construction” means the process of building, altering, repairing, improving, or demolishing forty percent (40%) or more of any public structures, public buildings, public real property, or other public improvements of any kind to any public structures, public buildings, or public real property.

Recommended Paragraph to Include in an RFP Scope of Work:

Since 2009, the construction and large-scale renovation of Rhode Island’s public buildings have been guided by the requirements of Rhode Island’s Green Buildings Act ([R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-24-1 et seq.](#)). This law requires that many public building construction projects and large-scale renovations meet LEED certified standards or an equivalent green-building high performance standard. It is the responsibility of the awarded contractor to ensure compliance with this law, if applicable to a project. An awarded contractor will also be required to submit the necessary compliance and reporting forms to the Green Buildings Advisory Committee. For more information please see <http://www.ribcc.ri.gov/gba/>. All proposals must explicitly state a commitment by the contractor to comply with Rhode Island’s Green Buildings Act on behalf of the entity issuing this request for proposals.