

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~~**entity** 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 A building construction project larger than five thousand (5,000) 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. (ii) A 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.