



## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS Aberdeen Assessment with Plans and Specifications

### I. INVITATION

The City of Camden, South Carolina (hereafter, the “City”) invites registered architects with historic preservation experience to submit their qualifications to be considered for a historic preservation planning project for Aberdeen, Camden, South Carolina. Shawn Putnam (Planning and Development Director) will receive qualification statements until 12:00 noon on **February 7, 2025**, via email ONLY at [putnam@camdensc.org](mailto:putnam@camdensc.org). Questions should be directed to Mr. Putnam at the email listed above.

### II. PROJECT PURPOSE

Aberdeen is located at 1409 Broad Street, Camden, South Carolina. The Samuel Mathis House, known as “Aberdeen, was built ca. 1805 and is a contributing resource to the National Register of Historic Places-listed City of Camden Historic District. Built by prominent Camden residents Samuel and Margaret Mathis, Aberdeen remained in the family until the 20th century and has been continuously occupied as a family home until it was gifted to the City of Camden in 2021. Originally a simple one-story frame house built over a raised basement, the house sat on 273 acres close to the Mathis Store and a mile from the center of town. As the town grew, the acreage was subdivided and other homes built into one of the first neighborhoods in Camden. Even with the increased size from a ca. 1850 renovation, Aberdeen remains unique as a folk cottage style home in a neighborhood filled with typical antebellum two-story homes. It is also one of the few homes in Camden with Gothic revival elements. Currently managed by the City of Camden, Aberdeen is the only historic home open for tours in Camden.

The City seeks the services of a registered architect or team of architects experienced in historic preservation to assess the existing conditions and produce plans and specifications for the stabilization and weatherization of Aberdeen.

The project has been funded by a state historic preservation grant, administered by the South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH). The conditions assessment and plans and specifications will be reviewed by SCDAH for compliance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.



### **III. SCOPE OF WORK**

The selected architect and/or design team's services will assess the existing condition of Aberdeen and develop plans and specifications for stabilization and weatherization repairs specific to the brick, mortar, foundation, moisture infiltration, exterior siding, windows, and doors.

### **IV. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

The selected architect or team will provide a statement of qualifications with documentation of the most relevant professional experience on historic preservation projects involving historic buildings similar to Aberdeen and will include all of the following:

1. Brief statement of professional history including number of years of experience with projects related to historic preservation.
2. Brief description of a minimum of three (3) examples of projects similar to the proposed project with reference contact information for each.
3. Resumes of key personnel. The project manager must have a degree in Architecture and a South Carolina license to practice architecture. Graduate study in architectural or historic preservation, architectural history, or related fields, and professional experience working with historic buildings are also strongly encouraged.
4. Statement affirming compliance with the South Carolina Human Affairs Law and Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, disability or age.
5. Statement affirming that that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any State or Federal department or agency.

### **V. EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Each proposal will be evaluated based on the following:

- A) Approach and Work Plan (40%)
- B) Professional Qualifications and Experience (60%)

All qualifications received will be ranked according to the criteria. The City will invite contract negotiations with the highest ranked respondent.



**This Request for Qualifications is not an offer by the City to enter into a contract. The City will determine in its sole and absolute discretion whether to hire or not hire a professional in connection with this Request, or any other course of action. The City shall have no duty with respect to any respondent to this Request. The selected professional and the City will have no duty to one another until the mutual execution of a definitive contract between the professional and the City.**

**VI. ANTICIPATED PROJECT SCHEDULE (Subject to change)**

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| <b>February 7, 2025</b>  | Qualifications Submittals Due by <b>12:00 noon</b> .   |
| <b>February 28, 2025</b> | Selection of Architect Completed.                      |
| <b>April 30, 2025</b>    | Submittal of draft report, plans, and recommendations. |
| <b>June 30, 2025</b>     | Submittal of final report, plans, and recommendations. |