



# Space Needs Assessment

## Request for Quote

Johnson County Sheriff's Office  
511 South Capitol Street  
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

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### ITEM NO. 1: RFQ Questions and Responses

Responses to questions received via email prior to the issuance of this addendum are as follows:

**QUESTION:**

*What fee budget has the County allocated for the space needs assessment?*

**RESPONSE:**

**The County currently has \$75,000 budgeted for the assessment in the FY24 budget.**

**QUESTION:**

*Can you clarify what you are looking for from 2D regarding Agency's objectives in relation to this project.*

**RESPONSE:**

**Like it says in the RFQ, we're looking for a global assessment of the Sheriff's Office space needs to determine what needs we currently have and what a new facility would need to meet the demand of today as well as the future. The assessment needs to cover all aspects of what we do: jail and jail bed space, patrol, civil, investigations, etc.**

**QUESTION:**

*To confirm as I'm still a bit unclear, for the RFQ question 2D regarding Agency's objectives in relation to this project – are you looking for Legat to acknowledge and confirm our understanding of your project?*

**RESPONSE:**

**Yes that would be helpful.**

**QUESTION:**

- 1. Have JCSO facility/building system assessments been completed in past 10 years? If so, can these be made available?*
- 2. Are any building assessments currently – or within the past 2 years – underway to examine systems or structure?*
- 3. Johnson County has had previous jail bond referendums. Please provide dates and results from these past efforts.*



4. *In these past jail bond referendum efforts, were outside community engagement consultants hired?*
5. *Why have past Johnson County jail bond referendum efforts failed to gain voter approval?*
6. *RFQ document specifically states "3 assignments of similar projects and budget ranges that were completed". If a respondent provides more than 3 assignments, will providing additional examples penalize/disqualify that firm?*

**RESPONSE:**

1. A county wide facility audit was completed within the last year and a structural assessment was completed in April. Both reports can be made available.
2. See answer to Question 1.
3. June 1976: Similar justice center concept to 2014 design
  - Failed 49% yes - 51% noMarch 1977: 6.5 Million for courthouse improvements
  - Failed 40% yes – 60% noNovember 1977: 1.5 million for a new jail
  - Passed: 75% yes – 25% noNovember 2000: 20.3 million for County Law Enforcement Center
  - Failed 35% yes – 65% noNovember 2012: 46.8 million for Justice Center/court operations
  - Failed 56% yes- 44% no (60% threshold for approval)May 2013: 43.5 million Justice Center/court operations (less bed space)
  - Failed yes 54% - 46% no (60% threshold for approval)
4. Unknown. Past referendums occurred under previous administrations.
5. That answer would be very nuanced and subjective.
6. No, a respondent can submit more than three assignments.