Lawther Hall Renovation – Frequently Asked Questions

1. Are the consultants required to make presentations to the Board of Regents?
   - No, a presentation will not be required. A booklet must be submitted at both programming and schematic design.

2. When will selective demolition begin?
   - Selective demolition will begin in Fall 2015. This will allow consultants to see systems in the building by November.

3. How much inventory will be brought back to the building?
   - Very little inventory will be reused.

4. What is the consultant’s role in the interior design process?
   - The consultant would be responsible for the interior design package. The university’s interior designer would manage the move coordinator.

5. How detailed is the feasibility study? When will it be made available?
   - The feasibility study is very in-depth and will be made available to the shortlisted firms.

6. Will the early demolition construction contract be separate from the renovation construction contract?
   - Yes, the demolition will be bid separately from the renovation.

7. What condition is the exterior of the building in?
   - The roof, tuckpointing and windows have been updated recently.

8. Are there any moisture problems in the basement?
   - None are known, the crawl space has ventilation.

9. Will asbestos abatement need to take place?
   - Yes, there is asbestos in the building. The abatement will take place as part of the selective demolition package.

10. What are the software requirements?
    - This project is to be completed in Revit. Final drawings may be required in AutoCAD as well.

11. What project management software does Facilities Planning use?
    - Facilities Planning uses Microsoft SharePoint sites, “Panther Projects” for project management.

12. Which version of LEED should be followed?
    - Use LEED 2009 if it is available. If not, use LEED v4.
13. Are AutoCAD drawings available?
   - AutoCAD drawings of floor plans and PDFs of the original drawings will be made available to the consultant selected for the project. PDF drawings of the floor plans are available on CDs at the University of Northern Iowa Facilities Planning office – 2601 Campus St., Cedar Falls, IA – and can be obtained by email. If you wish to receive an email copy of the plans, contact Amy Selzer at amy.selzer@uni.edu.

14. What are the accessibility requirements?
   - ADA guidelines and the Fair Housing Act must be followed.

15. What will the selection committee be looking for?
   - Be specific to the project. Also, the weighting given in the information packet hints at what we feel is important.

16. What firms should be included in the proposal?
   - Include basic information on secondary firms such as landscape architecture, structural engineering, civil engineering, and cost estimating.
   - Provide the names of 3 firms which you would like to work for the mechanical, electrical, and telecom consultants. This firm will be selected at a later date.

17. Does the university have any recommendations for secondary consultants?
   - The university will not make a recommendation for the secondary consultants. The university has worked with many excellent consultants and believes each project is unique and requires an exceptional team to complete.