The University of Massachusetts Amherst is pleased to announce an upcoming capital project called the Integrated Design Building.

The project involves the study, design, construction, and commissioning of a new academic building for the Landscape Architecture & Regional Planning department and the Architecture + Design and Building Construction Technology programs at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The project will exemplify the University’s commitment to sustainability and innovative design, and the value of integrating the architecture, landscape architecture, urban planning, and green building design programs into one facility. The project will achieve the Governor’s Executive Order 484 mandated “MA LEED Plus” accreditation level and the University’s minimum LEED accreditation level of Silver, with a focus on minimizing energy use. The UMass Building Authority (UMBA) will be the issuer of Requests for Proposals and bid documents for the project.

Planning to date indicates that the full program will require approximately 48,000 net assignable square feet, 80,000 gross square feet, and approximately $35 million to construct. The UMBA and University intend for the Programming/Feasibility Study phase to evaluate a range of program scenarios and potential solutions.

Interested firms should monitor the web site of the University of Massachusetts Building Authority, http://www.massachusetts.edu/buildingauthority/bahome.html, for the release of the Request for Proposals documents.