

Questions to the City of Barberton Concerning City Hall and Justice Center CMAR RFQ

1. How far along is the design process (30% / 60%/90%)?

Design for the project is at approximately 30%.

2. Is there a targeted start/finish date?

The City intends to commence the project in either late 2025 or early first quarter 2026.

3. Is there a liquidated damages clause in the contract?

The agreement has not yet been drafted, but there will likely be a liquidated damages provision in the agreement.

4. Is there a preference on sequencing/ urgency to move personnel?

Generally, the City intends to work with the CMAR and other stakeholders to determine the sequencing/phasing of the project. That said, the City anticipates that it is very likely that it will be necessary to prioritize improvements to the 480 W. Tuscarawas Ave building to allow for the movement of personnel from the 576 W. Park Ave. building prior to renovations within most of the 576 W. Park Ave. building. However, the City also envisions that some work will also be able to occur at the 576 W. Park Ave. building while the work on 480 W. Tuscarawas Ave. is occurring – namely, the existing elevator replacement and addition to the building.

5. Do you need certain spaces completed first to accommodate urgent needs?

Replacement of the existing elevator at the 576 W. Park Ave. building is an urgent need, as it is the sole elevator in the building and is inoperable beyond repair.

6. Will construction be completed at the former First Merit building first?

Generally, yes, but please refer to the above.

7. Will any operations be relocated to a temporary space while renovations occur?

The City does not intend to relocate operations outside of the space at 480 W. Tuscarawas Ave. and 576 W. Park Ave. That said, it will be necessary to set up temporary spaces within those footprints – for example, utilizing the additional courtroom as a swing space while the two main courtrooms are renovated.

8. What are the space priorities and needs of the end users?

The City believes that the schematic drawings provided with the RFQ speak for themselves and address the question.

9. Is the City providing independent testing services? (RFQ states to only coordinate).

Yes.

10. What project software will be used for the project? I.e., Construction management/ quality and tracking prevailing wage.

To be determined.

11. Does the project have diversity requirements? If not, does the owner have an interest in tracking local economic impact?

No diversity requirements are included as part of the project. The City would be interested in tracking local economic impact.

12. Will there be an option to see the space if shortlisted for the project?

Yes, the City understands that not all firms were able to attend the walk-through on September 24, 2025. The City will conduct another walk-through of the buildings with all short-listed firms.

13. Have you performed an environmental assessment at the current facility?

No.

14. Do you have foundation drawings where the new addition will be added/tied into?

No. Will be part of further design to be completed on project.

15. Do you have fill details from Eslich, who tore down the adjoining temple, where the addition and new parking area will be located?

City has inquired regarding the same to Eslich. To the extent details exist, will provide to short-listed companies.