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### **Marshall University issues RFPQ for College of Business Building**

Marshall University has released a *Request For Pre-Qualifications* (RFPQ) for "Financing and Development for Design, Engineering and Construction of Academic and Mixed Use Buildings for Marshall University" on February 19, 2019. RFPQ # MU19P3COB will open at 3 pm on March 27, 2019. According to the RFPQ document, the purpose of this Request for Statement of Interest and Pre-Qualifications to prospective Respondents for campus edge development is to build a new College of Business building that would create a collaborative learning environment where business students from all over the world interact with internationally acclaimed faculty and business leaders in the Marshall University College of Business. The proposed project targets the design and construction of an academic building for the College of Business on a parking lot, approximately 0.9 acres, located on the SE corner of the intersection of 4th Avenue and 15th Street. The building shall integrate classroom and learning laboratories, faculty and administrative offices, study and gathering spaces, and common areas to encourage greater collaboration among students, faculty, staff and business partners. The first floor of the building could contain retail space of about 20,000 sq. feet to be used to support the financing of the building. Ownership of the building will be with Marshall University at the end of the project. The project has an anticipated range cost of \$35 - \$50 million for construction and design. The project scope also includes separate Mixed Use structures for retail (examples: retail, restaurant, bar, hotel, etc.) and/or apartments to provide revenue over the course of the project to support the development and financing of the College of Business Building. This site is approximately 0.44 acres located on the NE corner of the intersection of 4th Avenue and Hal Greer Boulevard. Ownership of the structure at the end of the project will be with Marshall University. Space available on the University Campus for the construction of Greek Housing could also be a possible revenue source. Ownership of the structure(s) at the end of the project will be with Marshall University. Further details will be provided in the RFP.

The complete document is available at: <http://www.marshall.edu/purchasing/files/RFPQ-MU19P3COB-final.pdf>

### **International Business program ranked 31 on *Study.com's* Best 50 International Business Schools List**

*Study.com* has published its 2019 rankings for the top international business programs in the country, and Marshall University's undergraduate international business program has been ranked #31 in the top 50 schools for international business! Over 40 million visitors per month use *Study.com* to research potential schools, degrees, and careers, and this list of the top 50 international business degree programs will help potential students learn about our excellent IB program housed in the Brad D. Smith Undergraduate School of Business. *Study.com* considered many international business programs when ranking schools for this list and selected Marshall University based on academic and career resources for international business students, the quality of education in international business, faculty, and more. We are the only school in West Virginia to be included in this ranking.