

PROJECT:	26-04 Large Lakes Observatory (LLO)
RFP AVAILABLE AT:	https://purchasing.umn.edu/mbid
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AMOUNT OF PROJECT:	\$60,000,000.00
DATE PUBLISHED IN STATE REGISTER:	5/11/26 and 5/18/26
INFORMATIONAL MEETING AND/OR SITE VISIT:	A mandatory informational meeting will be held on Wednesday May 20, 2026, at 10:00 am CT at the Research Lab Building, 2205 E 5th Street, Duluth, Minnesota 55812 in room 200. Note: room size and parking may be limited, please plan accordingly. The meeting will include a tour of the proposed project areas and a review of the scope of work.
DATE PROPOSALS DUE:	Monday, June 1, 2026 by 12:00 p.m. CT
DATE OF SHORTLISTING:	Thursday June 18, 2026 https://minnesota.webex.com/weblink/register/r377973f1030fe6b5a340807b09946104
SHORTLISTED FIRMS:	Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc., JLG Architects, and Architecture Advantage LLC
DATE OF INTERVIEW/SELECTION:	Thursday July 2, 2026 https://minnesota.webex.com/weblink/register/raaa1f8e47ccee19181b010e360509fc
SDSB SELECTED:	Hammel, Green and Abrahamson, Inc. and JLG Architects
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