

Why Use QBS?

1. Save Time and Money

- Save time developing scope and overseeing project
- Save cost of adding to scope

2. Develop Detailed Scope

- Establish priorities
- Define responsibilities for owner and design professionals

3. Retain Project Control

- Design professionals are part of your team
- Mutual interest in solving problems

4. Study Alternate Solutions

- Opportunity for life-cycle evaluation
- Avoid over design

5. Avoid Disputes

- Well defined scope understood by all
- Complete documents prevent disputes during construction

QBS has been required by law for all federal projects since 1972. In Connecticut, state law requires that the Department of Public Works and the Department of Transportation use QBS. Numerous other state and local agencies use QBS because it works. In addition, the QBS process is included in the American Bar Association's *Model Procurement Code for State and Local Governments*.

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QBS

What's in it for you?

**Qualifications-Based
Selection of Design
Professionals for
Public Projects**

The Connecticut QBS Council

What is QBS?

Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) is an objective and fair process used by owners to select architects, engineers and land surveyors based on the design professionals' qualifications in relation to the project.

Selecting design professionals is one of the keys to a successful project. The design will determine the construction costs, financial and functional feasibility as well as the operation and maintenance costs during the life of the project.

The Connecticut QBS Council offers assistance to the public in implementing a QBS program. We provide helpful guides and forms as well as the services of a knowledgeable facilitator **at no cost to the owner**. The Council will not participate in the actual selection of design professionals or recommend firms for consideration.

QBS: The Process of Competitive Negotiation

