

[Press Releases: The Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations Announces the Final Selection for Special Architecture/Engineering Services IDIQ Contract](#)

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The Department of State's Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations (OBO) has selected five Architecture/Engineering (A/E) firms for the Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) solicitation for special new construction and modernization projects at U.S. diplomatic facilities worldwide. The final selected firms are:

- Beyer Blinder Belle Architects & Planners
- EYP Architecture & Engineering
- HOK
- Morphosis Architects
- Richärd+Bauer Architecture

OBO received 19 total submissions for this IDIQ solicitation, and 10 firms were shortlisted to provide technical team submissions and make presentations to OBO. The five selected firms demonstrated the highest qualifications on security, modular and prefabricated construction, project leadership and client communications, and the ability to adapt to changes in challenging overseas environments.

OBO's mission is to provide safe, secure, and functional facilities that represent the U.S. government to host nations and support our staff in the achievement of U.S. foreign policy objectives. These facilities represent American values and the best in American architecture, engineering, technology, sustainability, art, culture, and construction execution.

For further information on the selection, please contact Charles Krips at KripsCG2@state.gov.

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Press Releases: Statement From the Freed Americans

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The following statement by Kim Dong Chul, Kim Sang Duk (Tony Kim), and Kim Hak Song, after their release was secured by Secretary Mike Pompeo on behalf of the Trump Administration on May 9, 2018:

We would like to express our deep appreciation to the United States government, President Trump, Secretary Pompeo, and the people of the United States for bringing us home. We thank God, and all our families and friends who prayed for us and for our return. God Bless America, the greatest nation in the world.

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[Press Releases: Malaysian General Election](#)

Press Statement
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Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC
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We congratulate the people of Malaysia on their participation in a hard-fought election campaign. Malaysians from all parties, states, and backgrounds engaged the electoral process in large numbers peacefully and with great enthusiasm.

We fully expect all institutions will carry out their functions and duties to produce and implement official results in accordance with the federal constitution and the will of the people.

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[Press Releases: Situation on the Yemeni Island of Socotra](#)

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The United States is closely following the situation on the Yemeni island of Socotra and engaging with all parties to reinforce Yemen's sovereignty and territorial integrity, as well as the need for de-escalation and dialogue. Political dialogue is necessary for the Republic of Yemen Government to rightfully ensure the safety and security of its residents on Socotra and throughout the rest of the country. The Socotra archipelago has been designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage site. The Yemeni people, along with their unique cultural and natural heritage, have already suffered immeasurably as a result of the ongoing conflict in Yemen. Yemen cannot afford further divisions. The United States calls on all parties to the conflict to focus on and embrace the UN-led political process, with the unified aim of a safe, secure, and prosperous Yemen.

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[Press Releases: Election of Nikol Pashinyan as Prime Minister of Armenia](#)

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Department Spokesperson

Washington, DC
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The United States congratulates Nikol Pashinyan as the new Prime Minister of Armenia. We look forward to working closely with the new government and with the people of Armenia on the many areas of shared interest between our countries, including increasing trade, working in support of democracy and rule of law, and safeguarding regional and global security.

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