

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

On October 26, 2022, New York City Mayor Eric Adams and the Trust for Governors Island unveiled the three final proposals under consideration as part of the city’s global competition to create a new, state-of-the-art educational and research institution on Governors Island dedicated to researching, developing, and demonstrating equitable urban climate solutions. As the final phase of this competitive process, finalists announced in December 2021 were invited to respond to a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) released in April 2022 as part of Mayor Adams’ “Rebuild, Renew, Reinvent: A Blueprint for NYC’s Economic Recovery.” The winning program and design for a premier educational and research institution as part of the Center for Climate Solutions will be chosen from among the three remaining proposals, summarized here anonymously due to the ongoing competitive procurement process.

PROPOSAL #1 - OVERVIEW DESCRIPTION

Proposal #1 proposes a university-led hub for the accelerated deployment of equitable climate solutions. It proposes to:

- Bring together a diverse array of universities, non-profits, industry partners, environmental justice, and community organizations;
- Center Governors Island as an action-oriented climate solutions hub;
- Be grounded in environmental justice principles drawing on community expertise and experience;
- Leverage extensive trusted relationships across NYC stakeholders and communities;
- Demonstrate sustainable strategies, adaptive reuse of existing buildings, blue-green infrastructure and nature-based solutions, innovative technologies, decarbonization, flood resilient design, urban heat adaptation and mitigation;
- Advance research and deployment of cutting-edge climate solutions and training of green workforce of the future.

Proposal #1’s programming proposed to build on, and be informed by, inclusive community engagement, cross-sector collaborative convenings, global research with decision-making partners and will include:

- Research, design, and application of climate solutions focused on coastal city adaptation and mitigation while advancing circular economies that build community wealth;
- Education spanning PK-12, worker training, undergraduate, graduate, and executive ed to prepare the next generation of climate problem solvers and create jobs for New Yorkers;
- Convening that is open to the public and accessible, prioritizing events and activities that invite all visitors to engage with climate solutions and a just transition.

PROPOSAL #1 - CONCEPTUAL DRAFT RENDERINGS

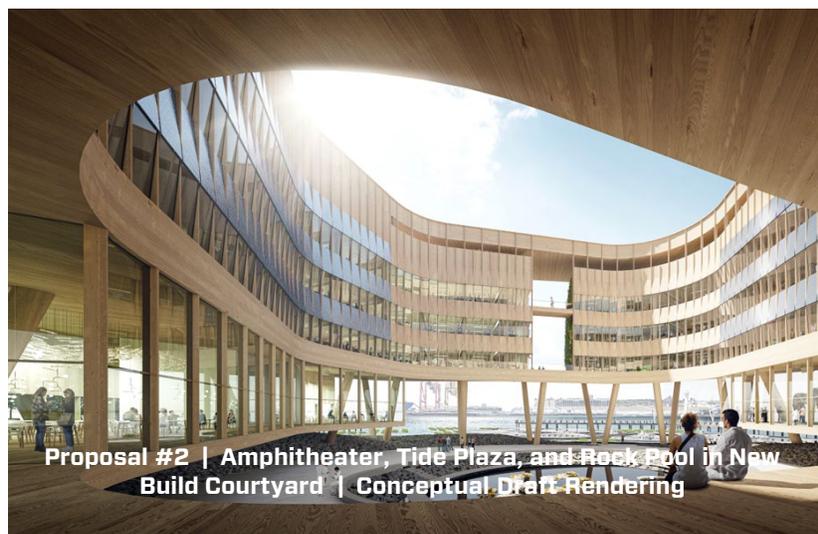
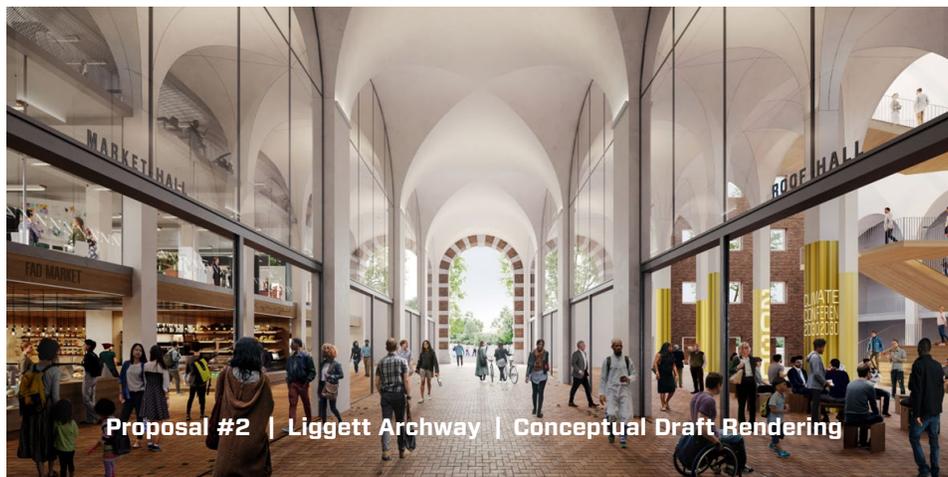


PROPOSAL #2 – OVERVIEW DESCRIPTION

With its global reach, cultural diversity, scientific research expertise, established entrepreneurial ecosystem, focus on experiential learning and Living Labs, an international consortium led by a university proposes the following innovations for the Center for Climate Solutions at Governors Island:

- Workforce development for the green/blue economy with local training partners
- Experiential life-long learning models for traditional and non-traditional student populations, including partnerships with local New York City institutions
- Research and Development programs focusing on coastal and urban climate priorities in New York City, foregrounding climate equity and environmental justice, engaging K-12 through PhD
- Focus on small business and entrepreneurship, especially with entrepreneurs from underrepresented communities, as engines for employment growth and the transition of equitable climate solutions into the marketplace
- Partnerships with industry, government and community organizations
- Cultural partnership and activated public space with accessible engagement opportunities, including experiences focused on art, theater and history
- Collaboration and governance with existing Governors Island tenants, entities, and other stakeholders, prioritizing events and activities that invite all visitors to engage with climate solutions and a just transition

PROPOSAL #2 - CONCEPTUAL DRAFT RENDERINGS



PROPOSAL #3 – OVERVIEW DESCRIPTION

Proposal #3, led by a non-profit organization, proposes an unprecedented alliance of leading academic, corporate, research, non-profit and social justice organizations. Proposal #3's emphasis on collaborative work proposes to accelerate climate solutions by establishing inclusive platforms for community voices, empowering researchers with resources and connections, integrating education for all ages, and encouraging public participation to develop shared solutions. Three themes guide Proposal #3:

- Environmental Justice and Inclusion: redress impacts of past discriminatory practices and distribute benefits more fairly
- Climate Interdependence: address the interdependence of the critical ecosystem domains of water, food, and energy
- Sustainable Urban Environments: focus on coastal and island urban environments, starting on Governors Island and NYC

Proposal #3's partners and visitors propose to confront and address climate challenges head-on—exploring and implementing solutions, enabling collaboration among stakeholders, and engaging the public. Proposal #3 proposes activities that occur on- and off-Island and will include workforce development, educational opportunities at all levels, cultural activities, research and project incubation. Proposal #3's physical presence will be a living laboratory for global sustainable strategies.

PROPOSAL #3 - CONCEPTUAL DRAFT RENDERINGS

