

SECTION 00020

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed lump sum proposals are requested by Gwinnett County Board of Education from general contractors previously approved through the Owner's pre-qualification process for construction of:

ARCHER CLUSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Proposals will be received by the Gwinnett County Board of Education, at 53 Gwinnett Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045, in the Building C, Conference Room at:

3:00 PM, LOCAL TIME, TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024.

at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Proposals received after the above time is called will be returned.

Address the bid envelope to the attention of Mr. John Gramigna, Director of Facility Planning, Gwinnett County Board of Education.

Fax transmittals and e-mails of bid form/proposal shall not be accepted by the Owner. No phones will be available.

All Pre-qualified Bidders must obtain a copy of the bidding documents, including drawings and project manuals, through the Architect, Chapman, Griffin, Lanier Sussenbach Architects, Inc. 2300 Lake Park Dr. SE, Suite 165, Smyrna, GA 30080. Applications for documents, together with a non-refundable Bid Deposit of **\$500.00 per hard copy set, \$50.00 for access to electronic files** must be submitted to the Architect. For hardcopies, Contractor shall provide Contractor's FedEx shipping number. Electronic file access may be obtained by Email request to teri@cqlsarchitects.com. Bid deposits are non-refundable. Bidding documents will only be issued to Contractors who have been pre-qualified by the Owner for this project.

All Bidders must submit AIA Document A305, Contractors Qualification Statement, to be evaluated by the Owner and Architect, along with the bid deposit prior to being issued plans and specifications. Bidders who do not submit the AIA A305 will be subject to disqualification. The AIA A305 must show the Contractor's ability to complete the Contract in a satisfactory manner on projects of similar scope and complexity. References from past clients and projects must be included and will be verified. As part of the prequalification process, a **mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Owner's offices at 53 Gwinnett Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 10:00 AM.** The General Contractor is responsible to understand all existing conditions. A **Pre-bid Site Visit** will follow the Pre-bid Conference. **Failure to attend the pre-bid conference will result in disqualification of the Bidder.**

Representatives shall be the Project Manager or Estimator directly responsible for the bidding of this project. Any Bidder may be required, at the discretion of the Owner, to furnish evidence satisfactory to the Owner, that the proposed subcontractors have sufficient means and experience in the types of work called for to assure completion of the contract in a satisfactory manner. Any Bidder that is disqualified may respond to the Owner in writing within 20 days of the Notice of Disqualification as to why the Bidder feels that the disqualification is unfounded. The written appeal from the disqualified Bidder will not change the decision already made on this project. However, a favorable appeal may open the way for the Bidder in question to bid on future Gwinnett County Public School projects. In any case, the Owner's decisions shall be deemed final.

Contract, if awarded, will be on the basis stated in the Instructions to Bidders. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after bid opening.

Bids must be accompanied by a bid bond made payable to the Gwinnett County Board of Education, in the amount equal to 5 percent of the bid price. (Certified or Personal Checks Not Acceptable.) The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond acceptable to the Gwinnett County Board of Education in an amount equal to 100 percent of the contract price and executed by a Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed in the Department of the Treasury Circular 570, latest edition. **The Surety Company shall have an A.M. Best Company minimum rating of "A" with a financial size of VI "6" or better.** Bonds must be accompanied by letter stating bonding company's current rating for verification prior to acceptance by the Owner and execution of the formal Owner/Contractor agreement.

Bonding of Subcontractors: Include in the Base Bid, Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bonds, each in 100% of the subcontract sum, for each Subcontractor having a contract of \$50,000.00 or more for Roofing, HVAC, Plumbing, Sprinkler System, Structural Steel Fabricators, Structural Steel Erectors and Electrical Work, as required by the General Conditions. The General Contractor cannot change major subcontractors after bid.

Contractor and Subcontractor shall require the Attorney-in-Fact who executes bonds on behalf of sureties to attach a certified, current copy of his Power of Attorney.

The Gwinnett County Board of Education reserves the right to award the project on whatever basis is in the interest of the Owner and to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities.

BY: Mr. John Gramigna
TITLE: Director of Facility Planning, Gwinnett County Board of Education
DATE: February 22, 2024
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