

FAQ on Bid 2324-0037

High School & Remodel and Renovation of Continuum Campus Facilities

1) Lauren Hollander from PSDS. Are you going to provide an upload for the confidential financials?

Yes, so we can either provide an upload for each person to upload it to, or it could be submitted to the RFP email. Or if there's not a comfortability with that, we could also have that along with the submission packet. So, either like a flash drive, or it could be in the physical paper copy. I don't know that we have the ability to do an encrypted upload at this point other than email.

Link for the confidential financials:

When prepping the where to upload financials question, please use the link here:

https://desotocountyschooldistrict-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/marcus_allen_desotoschools_com/EkZaIrud6C9Fum9c7GI327MB7_-LGjFyLdhfXDEAKV1ldw

2) Where is the list of contractors that attended the Prebid meeting? I attempted to get everyone's name and company. If I missed anyone, please email me at michelle.sikes@desotoschools.com and I will correct the minutes to reflect your attendance.

3) Are you able to share with us the location of the parcel of land that the proposed new high school will be built on? The information regarding the land purchase was in previous Board minutes on January 9, 2024 from this year with copies of the agreements and information. The contract and addendums were on the June 11,24 Board meeting.

4) Required Document 1 states the following: "x: Indicate that your firm has reviewed and agrees with the Terms and Conditions of the Interim and Comprehensive Contract Agreements." These documents were not included as a part of this RFQ, can you provide them to us or direct me to where they can be found? Please review RFP 2324-0037 pages 3-14.

5) Can we have access to the schools to take pictures and assess current conditions? We are not offering walkthroughs into the facilities at this time. The dollar amounts provided in the RFP should be used as a placeholder for necessary renovations at the other campus locations. Drones would be fine up until June 30th, in which the state law does change for drone pictures. If you want to do overhead shots, that would be acceptable. Please notify us in advance if you intend to do this.

6) I noticed on your website and the Public Purchase website it mentions an aforementioned Design Criteria Package. The Design Criteria Package is in the actual RFP document as the Detailed Specifications on page 15 of RFP 2324-0037

7) Could you please provide the submitted proposals for BTS and Fortress from the previous RFP. In regards to the previous bids, because we rejected all bids and simultaneously reissued the RFP, it is exempt per statute 119.071, so I am unable to release them to you at this time.

3. If an agency rejects all bids, proposals, or replies submitted in response to a competitive solicitation and the agency concurrently provides notice of its intent to reissue the competitive solicitation, the rejected bids, proposals, or replies remain exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution until such time as the agency provides notice of an intended decision concerning the reissued competitive solicitation or until the agency withdraws the reissued competitive solicitation. A bid, proposal, or reply is not exempt for longer than 12 months after the initial agency notice rejecting all bids, proposals, or replies.

(c) Any financial statement that an agency requires a prospective bidder to submit in order to prequalify for bidding or for responding to a proposal for a road or any other public works project is exempt from s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

8) Is the Evaluation Committee Meeting on July 9th open to the public? If so, what is the location?

We going to post the evaluation committee time and place once the initial professional evaluation and comparison is completed again? They are public meetings.

9) In reviewing the DeSoto RFP#2324-0037, I noted some **discrepancies in the instructions relative to the handling of confidential information**. Since these matters have legal implications, I wanted to bring these to your attention immediately. During the Pre- Bid conference of June 10, some of these issues were raised by attendees, and the response was not clear as to **how the confidential financial materials will be handled**.

Answer:

Pursuant to Document 2 and General Conditions Paragraph 47 (Financial information, including financial statements will not be released for purposes of Public Records).

10) In the Section entitled "**DOCUMENT 1 Proposal**", item ix states "**Indicate that the Proposal is free of trade secret/proprietary information**". This requirement seems to imply that the proposal is not to contain trade secret or proprietary information . Such an implication is inconsistent with the requirement **to submit financial and other confidential information as part of the Proposal requirements in Document**

2 Instructions, as well as the extensive instructions contained in section 47 of the RFP which detail the handling and submission of Confidential, Proprietary or trade Secret information.

Answer:

Document 1, requests that the Proposers indicated if the proposal is free of trade secrets/proprietary information. If the proposal contains trade secrets and/or proprietary information, the proposers can satisfy this requirement by disclosing whether the proposal does include this information. This does not mean that information that constitutes a trade secret/proprietary information will be disclosed. Furthermore, pursuant to paragraph 47 of the General Conditions: "If the Proposer considers any portion of the documents, data or records submitted in response to this solicitation to be confidential, trade secret or otherwise not subject to disclosure pursuant to Chapter 119 Florida Statutes, the Florida Constitution or other authority, the Proposer must also simultaneously provide the School District with a separate redacted copy." Moreover, the proposer shall be responsible for defending its determination that the redacted portions of its response are confidential, trade secret or otherwise not subject to disclosure. Please note, the proposer shall also protect, defend and indemnify the School District for any and all claims from or relating to the Proposers determination that the redacted portions of its response are confidential, proprietary, trade secret, or otherwise not subject to disclosure.

11) In light of the above, will there be assurances that an encrypted protected system will be available for the submission of information under DOCUMENT 2, and that other confidential, Proprietary, or Trade Secret Information may be submitted according to Section 47 of the RFP?

Answer:

Section 47 of the General Conditions applies to Confidential, Proprietary, or Trade Secret information submitted with each proposal unless there is a conflict with the specific provisions of the solicitation. As stated, Document 2, states that Financial Information will not be disclosed. Furthermore, Paragraph 5 of the General Conditions provides, "If a conflict exists between the general conditions and the detailed specifications, then the detailed specifications shall prevail."

There were no additional questions.