

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

Owner: Panama-Buena Vista Union School District
Publish Dates: Week of December 9, 2024
Week of December 16, 2024
Question Deadline: January 1, 2025 @ 12:00pm PST
Bid Due Deadline: January 6, 2025 @ 12:00pm PST
Bid Due Location: All Bids will be received through the project website at <https://projects.infinitycomm.com>. Bids will not be received in any manner other than digital copies through the project website. All submittals are required to be in PDF format, unless otherwise noted, and must be less a file size of less than 10Mb.
Project Name: Structured Cabling for Panama-Buena Vista Union School District
Project Number: 0060-25C.1
Plans on File: <https://projects.infinitycomm.com> & <https://portal.usac.org/suite/>

In accordance with Section 7057 of the Business and Professions Code, only a Contractor with a "C-7 or C-10" license may bid.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be conducted on December 20, 2024 at 8:00am located at: P-BVUSD DO Board Room, 4200 Ashe Road, Bakersfield, CA 93313.

This meeting is Mandatory, ALL Contractors attending will be required to sign in at the time of arrival and are also required to stay for the duration of the Pre-Construction Meeting.

All questions concerning this project shall be requested through the project website at <https://projects.infinitycomm.com>. All requests for information shall be submitted not less than five (5) days prior to the opening of the bid. Any questions submitted after the question deadline will not be answered. All questions will be submitted through the project website. Bidders shall submit only one question submittal. All questions shall be included in the single submittal. DO NOT submit single question submittals. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the bidders response being negatively scored or rejected completely for failure to comply with the requirements of the RFP.

Each bid must conform and be responsive to the contract documents.

The projects and services depend on partial funding from the E-Rate program. The OWNER expects each Contractor to make themselves thoroughly familiar with any rules or regulations regarding the E-Rate program. All contracts entered into as a result of these Form 470's will be contingent upon specific funding by the SLD at the percentage rate submitted. The percentage rate applicable to a particular Form 471 is the maximum that the District is liable for. The Contractor will be responsible to bill the government (USAC) for the balance. No billing or work shall be commenced before April 1, 2025. On the day of the bid the Contractor shall supply their Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) and must certify that their SPIN is "current".

This project is anticipated to start after April 1, 2025, and is anticipated to have a duration of 120 days. All work shall be completed per the project schedule but no later than the project finish date. Liquidated damages in the amount of \$500.00/day are included in this contract. All work shall be completed per the project schedule but no later than August 2026.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding process. Each bid package will be awarded separately and independent of one another. The OWNER may, at their option, choose to award the projects to one contractor or any combination of contractors.

The OWNER has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute this contract. These rates are on file at the SCHOOL DISTRICT office located at location. Copies may be obtained upon request. A copy of these rates shall be posted at each jobsite. The schedule of per diem wages is based upon a working day of eight (8) hours. The rate for holiday and overtime work shall be at least time and one-half.

It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded (CONTRACTOR), and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all works employed by them in the execution of the contract. It is the CONTRACTOR'S responsibility to determine any rate change that may have or will occur during

the intervening period between each issuance of written rates by the Director of Industrial Relations. During the Work and pursuant to Labor Code §1771.4(a)(4), the Department of Industrial Relations shall monitor compliance with prevailing wage rate requirements and enforce the Contractor's prevailing wage rate obligations.

Each Bidder must be a DIR Registered Contractor when submitting a Bid Proposal. The Bid Proposal of a Bidder who is not a DIR Registered Contractor when the Bid Proposal is submitted will be rejected for non-responsiveness. All Subcontractors identified in a Bidder's Subcontractors' List must be DIR Registered contractors at the time the Bid Proposal is submitted. The foregoing notwithstanding, a Bid Proposal is not subject to rejection for non-responsiveness for listing Subcontractor the Subcontractors List who is/are not DIR Registered contractors if such Subcontractor(s) complete DIR Registration pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(1) or (2). Further, a Bid Proposal is not subject to rejection if the Bidder submitting the Bid Proposal listed any Subcontractor(s) who is/are not DIR Registered contractors and such Subcontractor(s) do not become DIR Registered pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(1) or (2), but the Bidder, if awarded the Contract, must request consent of the District to substitute a DIR Registered Subcontractor for the non-DIR Registered Subcontractor pursuant to Labor Code §1771.1(c)(3), without adjustment of the Contract Price or the Contract Time.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations, including but not limited to prevailing wage compliance and Skilled and Trained Workforce requirements.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of **thirty (30) DAYS** after the date set for the opening of the bids.

A BID BOND shall be required and shall be supplied with the CONTRACTOR'S bid on the day of the bid. All bids shall be presented under sealed cover and accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: cash, a cashier's check, certified check, or a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, made payable to the trustees. The security shall be in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the amount bid. A bid shall not be considered unless one of the forms of bidder's security is enclosed with it.

A Payment Bond and Performance Bond for contracts over \$25,000.00 **WILL BE** required prior to the execution of the contract. The Payment and Performance Bond shall be in the form called for in the contract documents. Payment Bond and Performance Bond shall be provided upon receipt of the **Notice to Proceed**. Performance and Payment bonds shall be supplied prior to the beginning of construction. A Certificate of Insurance shall be required as well before work can begin.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Public Contract Code, Sections 22300, CONTRACTOR may substitute certain securities for any funds withheld by OWNER to ensure their performance under the contract. At the request and expense of CONTRACTOR, securities equivalent to any amount withheld shall be deposited, at the discretion of the OWNER, with either OWNER or with a state or federally chartered bank, as the escrow agent, who shall then pay any funds otherwise subject for retention to CONTRACTOR. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract, the securities shall be returned to the CONTRACTOR.

Securities eligible to investment shall include those listed in Government Code, Section 61430, bank and savings and loan certificates of deposit, interest bearing demand deposit accounts, standby letters of credit, or any other security mutually agreed to by CONTRACTOR and OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for funds withheld and shall receive any interest on them. The escrow agreement shall be essentially similar to the one indicated in the General Conditions.

In accordance with Education Code section 17076.11, this district has a participation goal for disabled veteran business enterprises of at least 3 percent per year of the overall dollar amount of funds allocated to the district by the State Allocation Board pursuant to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 for construction or modernization and expended each year by the school district. Prior to, and as a condition precedent for final payment under any contract for such project, the contractor shall provide appropriate documentation to the district identifying the amount paid to disabled veteran business enterprises in conjunction with the contract, so that the district can assess its success at meeting this goal.