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Below is a Notice Inviting Bids to be published in the newspaper.

Please publish this notice on two occasions; the first being no later than December 29, 2024 and the second publishing on January 5, 2025.

Should you have any questions or need additional information, I may be reached at (805) 641-5000 or e-mail at ryan.hughes@venturausd.org.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ventura Unified School District of Ventura County, California, acting by and through its Governing Board, hereinafter referred to as the District, will receive up to, but no later than **January 24, 2025 at 2:00 P.M**, sealed bids for the award of a contract for:

BID #E1-24 – Elmhurst Elementary School HVAC

All bids shall be made on a bid form included in the bid packet that is available from the ***District's Secure Bid Portal located on the Districts website at*** **https://www.venturausd.org/services/business-services/purchasing.** All Bid Proposals must be submitted electronically via the District's Secure Bids Vendor portal, on or before the time and date stated above, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the time specified above or after any extensions due to material changes shall be returned unopened.

*Plans and specifications will be available on or about **December 20, 2024** ***ONLY*** from District's Secure Bids Vendor portal located on the District's website at **https://www.venturausd.org/services/business-services/purchasing.**

Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Bidding and Contract Documents. Copies are on file and open for public inspection at the Purchasing Office, 255 W. Stanley Avenue, Suite #100, Ventura, CA 93001, Phone 805-641-5000

Each bid shall be accompanied by the bid security of cash, a cashier's or certified check, U.S. money order, or bid bond for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid made payable to Ventura Unified School District, list of Designated Subcontractors, Non-collusion Affidavit, Qualification Evaluation Sheet and all other documents as required by the Instructions to Bidders.

The District has determined that regardless of the Bid Proposal Amount, each bidder on this project must be **prequalified with Ventura Unified School District.** In addition, if components of the Project will be

performed by electrical, mechanical, or plumbing subcontractors performing under the following license classification(s), then each of those subcontractors that intend to bid as a first-tier subcontractor to a general contractor (prime contractor) are required to have been prequalified by the District: C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43, and/or C-46. In accordance with Public Contract Code section 20111.5, each bidder must: a) submit a Prequalification Application in accordance with the Instructions for Bidders at least ten (10) business days prior to the last date for the submission of Bid Proposals set forth above and be prequalified with Ventura Unified School District for at least five (5) business day prior to that date. Contractors can prequalify at QualityBidders.com.

There will be a **mandatory pre-bid conference/job walk on January 6, 2025 at 10:30:00 am. Starting at Elmhurst Elementary School 5080 Elmhurst St, Ventura, CA 93003.The Pre-Bid Conference and the following Job Walk will cover all aspects and location of this project.** The District will conduct a mandatory pre-bid conference at the time and place designated in the Call for Bids. The failure of any bidder to have its authorized representative present at a mandatory pre-bid conference will constitute rejection of its bid and the bid will be returned to the bidder unopened. If the Project includes Work to be performed at multiple sites, bidder is required to attend at all sites as indicated in the Call for Bids. Contractors must be on time for the pre-bid conference and must sign both in and out of the mandatory pre-bid conference and attend all locations during the walk where work will take place. Any contractor who arrives late or after the time set for the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will not be allowed to attend. Contractors proposing to bid on this project must be prompt and arrive “on time”. No late arrivals will be accepted. Bids will not be accepted from bidders who have not attended the pre-bid conference introduction and site walk. The Owner will make the site available to bidders for examination during the bid period.

Bidders are hereby notified that in accordance with Section 1770 et. seq. of the Labor Code of the State of California, the Director of Industrial Relations has ascertained the prevailing rate of per diem wages, as well as the general per diem rate for legal holidays and overtime for each craft or type of workman needed to execute the contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder. Said wage scale is hereby made part hereof by reference thereto and such rates are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Ventura Unified School District

This project is a “public work” as defined within California Labor Code Section 1720. The Contractor shall post a copy of the determination of prevailing rate of wages at each job site. The Contractor and any subcontractor(s) shall pay not less than the specified prevailing rate of wages to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract.

Monitoring and enforcement of prevailing wage laws and related requirements will be performed by the Labor Commissioner/Department of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE). Contractor and all subcontractors shall furnish certified payroll records as required pursuant to Labor Code section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissioner in accordance with Labor Code section 1771.4 on at least a monthly basis (or more frequently if required by the District or the Labor Commissioner) and in a format prescribed by the Labor Commissioner. The District reserves the right to withhold contract payments if the District is notified, or determines as the result of its own investigation, that Contractor is in violation of any of the requirements set forth in Labor Code section 1720 et seq. at no penalty or cost to the District.

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

Contractor is hereby made aware of the requirements of Education code section 45125.1 which requires employees of any entity that has a contract with a school district to have certain employees who will have contact with students to be fingerprinted pursuant to that law.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a labor and material bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, and a faithful performance bond in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, said bonds to have sureties satisfactory to the Ventura Unified School District.

In accordance with the provisions of PCC 22300, substitution of eligible and equivalent securities for any monies withheld to ensure performance under this contract will be permitted at the request and expense of the contractor.

Each bidder shall possess at the time of bid a Contractor License Class B - General Contractor, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 3300 and Business and Professions Code Section 7028.15. The successful bidder must maintain the license throughout the duration of the contract.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of ninety (90) days after the date set for the opening thereof.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or accept any bid if such action is in the best interest of the District. The District reserves the right to waive irregularities in any bid. The District may award a contract on an individual project or combination of projects, whichever is to the best interest of the District. The bidder may specify that the District acceptance of one project shall be contingent upon the District's acceptance of one or more additional projects submitted on the same bid.

In the event of this bid containing additive or deductive alternates, the lowest bid shall be determined in a manner that prevents any information that would identify any of the bidders from being revealed to the public entity before ranking of all bidders from lowest to highest has been determined.

For further information, consult the Instructions for Bidders and the Contract Documents.

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