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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS – REQUEST FOR PREQUALIFICATION APPLICATIONS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA PUBLIC CONTRACT CODE §20111.6 VISALIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

California Assembly Bill (AB 1565) went into effect on January 1, 2014. AB 1565 requires ALL General Contractors and M/E/P Subcontractors be prequalified on certain projects funded in whole or in part with State Facility Bond funds. This applies to the following license numbers ONLY. If you do not have one of the following licenses, please do not submit paperwork. We are only prequalifying for license categories as listed below.

In accordance with Public Contract Code 20111.6, Notice is hereby given that the Visalia Unified School District has determined Bidders performing as both a Prime Contractor and General Contractor (A or B license), or an Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing Contractor utilized as a Prime Contractor or Subcontractor must be prequalified prior to bidding on certain State Funded Projects. For purposes of this prequalification, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing contractors are contractors holding either a C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43, and C-46 California State Contractors license.

Prequalification Process and Submission Requirements
The District utilizes **Quality Bidders**, a secure, web-based prequalification system hosted by Colbi Technologies, Inc. All prequalification materials, including the Questionnaire and Financial Statement, must be submitted **electronically**. Paper or mailed submissions will not be accepted under any circumstances.

All eligible contractors intending to bid must:

- Complete the online prequalification Questionnaire
- Submit all required supporting documentation
- Certify the application under penalty of perjury by an authorized representative

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- Receive formal District approval before bidding

Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

Prequalification Timelines and Validity

- Applications are accepted year-round
- Applications for projects of $1,000,000 or more must be ***submitted and approved*** no less than **10 business days prior** to the scheduled bid opening
- Prequalification approval is valid for **one (1) calendar year** from the date of approval
- Notification of Prequalified Bidders: For applicable projects, the District will issue a notification of prequalified bidders via addendum at least ***five (5) business days*** prior to the bid submission deadline.
- Contractors must maintain current information and renew as needed

Confidentiality
All prequalification materials, including financial statements and Questionnaire responses, are **confidential** and not public records, to the extent permitted by law. Information may be shared for verification, investigation, or appeal purposes. Names of contractors applying for prequalification status are public records; the first page of the questionnaire will be used for this purpose. If any information becomes inaccurate after submission, firms must notify the District immediately in writing.

District Rights and Non-Compliance
The District reserves the right to:

- Reject any or all prequalification applications
- Waive irregularities
- Request additional information
- Solicit bids from outside the prequalified pool if deemed in the best interest of the District

Contractors failing to comply with submission requirements or deadlines will be deemed **non-responsive** and ineligible to bid.

Questions
Direct questions to Regina Lira, Purchasing Specialist, at **bids@vusd.org**

For technical support, email **qbsupport@colbitech.com**

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