

Columbus City Schools – Fire Alarm Upgrades Package I at Multiple Sites

Pre-Bid Meeting Agenda

February 25, 2025

1. Welcome/Introductions to the Project Team
 - a. **Lori Seeger, Project Manager** – Columbus City Schools
 - b. **Garrett Brinkman** – Columbus City Schools
 - c. **Alex Trevino, Facility Director** – Columbus City Schools
 - d. **Brandie Bronston Houpe, Construction Contracts Manager** – Columbus City Schools
 - e. **Brett Kramer, Project Manager** – Kramer Engineers
 - f. **Cameron Smith, Project Manager** – Kramer Engineers

2. Administrative Items
 - a. Electronic bids shall be received until **Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 10:00 am** by Capital Improvements Office.
 - i. Please use the following link to access the bid:
<http://www.publicpurchase.com/gems/browse/home>
 - ii. The “Select Region” and “Select Agency” icons in the mid to upper, right corner of the screen must be used to locate our District before viewing our bids.
 - iii. Please register in Public Purchase even if you are not interested in this particular bid. (If you register in Public Purchase under a commodity and we select that commodity when creating a bid, you will receive an automatic notification.)
 - iv. Please note the following:
 1. Registration on the Public Purchase website is free.
 2. For your initial registration with Public Purchase, it will take Public Purchase about an hour to process. Please allow time for this processing after you register.
 3. Additional guidelines for using Public Purchase can be found on the District’s website using the following link:
<http://www.ccsch.us/Vendors.aspx>
 - v. **All bids must be submitted to Public Purchase. We cannot accept any in person, faxed, or e-mailed bids.**
 - vi. Pre-Bid RFI questions are to be submitted in **written form** via email to Brett Kramer or Cameron Smith at Kramer Engineers Office PH 614-233-6911 or bkramer@kramerengineers.com & csmith@kramerengineers.com. Upon formal issuance to EOR, please email Project Manager, Lori Seeger at lseeger@columbus.k12.oh.us & gbrinkman@columbus.k12.oh.us
 - vii. Please note: **All RFIs will only be answered in the project Addenda. Questions submitted via Public Purchase will be answered on Public Purchase, and also answered in project Addenda.**
 - b. Kramer Engineers shall respond to RFIs received more than 7 days before the bid opening. Deadline for RFIs is **Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 10:00am**.

- c. LEDE & Workforce Participation
 - i. Community Inclusion Program – Local and Economically Disadvantaged Enterprises
 - 1. LEDE Participation Goal is **20%** and Workforce Participation Goal is **25%**
 - 2. Community Inclusion forms will be required
 - 3. <http://www.ccsch.us/Vendors.aspx>
 - a. LEDE Vendor List
 - b. LEDE Certification Affidavit Instructions
 - 4. Prime Contractors new to Columbus City Schools will be required to submit a Vendor Application prior to receiving a Purchase Order/Notice to Proceed. (check website www.ccsch.us – navy top band, click on word - Vendors)
3. Project Overview
- a. Bid Package – Fire Alarm Upgrades
 - i. Single prime for all Work defined by the Contract Documents.
 - ii. Bid Form
 - 1. Alternates – None at this time
 - 2. Allowance – None at this time
 - 3. Addendum – None at this time
 - (1) Final addendum to be issued no later than **Friday, March 7, 2025 prior to 10:00am** via Franklin Imaging & Public Purchase
 - 4. Estimates:
 - (1) Alpine ES – \$240,700.00
 - (2) Woodward Park at Walden MS – \$220,000.00
 - (3) Windsor STEM Academy – \$226,300
 - 5. **Prevailing Wage Rate DO NOT apply to this project.**
 - a. General Information
 - i. Any permits are to be secured by the Contractor.
 - ii. Temporary Facilities – By the Contractor, may use school utilities if available.
4. Default Guideline Schedule
- a. 3/12/25 Electronic Bids Due to Public Purchase website (Prior to 10:00am)
 - b. 3/13/25 Virtual Post Bid Review @ 10:00am (Link will be sent following bid opening)
 - c. 3/13/25 Bid Evaluation and Paperwork for Purchase Order due
 - d. 4/8/25 Contract Approval – BOE Review
 - e. 4/15/25 Notice to Proceed – PO Issued
 - f. 4/15/25 Work on Site May Begin
 - **Work can begin after hours at all sites.**
 - **Woodward Park at Walden has summer school**
 - **Old Fire Alarm system must stay up**
 - g. 11/30/25 Substantial Completion

5. Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (OBWC)/Drug Free Safety Program (DFSP)
 - a. All prime contractors, subcontractors and lower-tier subcontractors are to be in good standing with the OBWC's DFSP or a comparable program approved by the OBWC that meets the requirements specified in O.R.C. Section 153.03.

6. Safety Precautions
 - a. Each member of its jobsite workforce to complete an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10 or 30 Hour Construction Course and have at least one Project supervisor to complete and OSHA 30 Hour Construction Course.

7. General Items
 - a. Bid Documents
 - i. Documents available for purchase at Franklin Imaging 614-885-6894 or printroom@franklinimaging.com or jeramy@franklinimaging.com
 - ii. Documents are available to view for free via Public Purchase.
 - iii. Documents are available to view electronically/online if you are a member of:
 1. McGraw Hill Construction Dodge / Builders Exchange of Central Ohio Plan Room, 1175 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215; **Project information may be viewed at Dodge Data & Analytics at:** <http://dodgeprojects.construction.com/>
 2. The Builders Exchange, 9555 Rockside Road, Suite 300, Valley View, OH 44125

8. Delivery of Quotes – Follow Instructions in Notice to Bidders
 - a. Electronic bids shall be received until **Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 10:00am** by Capital Improvements Office – via **Public Purchase**.
 - b. Follow Instructions in Notice to Bidders and Item 2a of this agenda to submit bids on Public Purchase.
 - c. Bid Tab will be posted to District website after bids are opened. Please check website for bid tab before reaching out to District staff:
[http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/website.nsf/\(ccs_pages\)/CCS_RFP?opendocument](http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/website.nsf/(ccs_pages)/CCS_RFP?opendocument)

9. Site Visitation/Building Access
 - a. **Tuesday, January 25, 2025 @ 11:00am**, meet PM, Lori Seeger at Windsor STEM Academy:
 - i. Windsor STEM Academy – 1219 East 12th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211
 - ii. Woodward Park at Walden Middle School – 5151 Karl Road, Columbus, OH 43229
 - iii. Alpine Elementary School – 1590 Alpine Drive, Columbus, OH 43229

10. If attending this Virtual Pre-Bid Meeting, please be sure to email Construction Contracts Manager, Brandie Bronston Houpe, your information at the following bbronston@columbus.k12.oh.us including: Name, company, email address

11. Questions?
 - a. Kyle Schoen Public Purchase Website says “Prevailing Wage Rates DO apply to this Invitation to Bid” but Prebid conference agenda says “Prevailing Wage Rate DO NOT apply to this project.” – Lori mentioned in the meeting that prevailing wage does not apply. I just want to double check and verify on the prevailing wage. **Lori noted Prevailing Wage Rates DO NOT apply.**
 - b. Jack Beekman asked do we assume having to run underground to the out buildings? **Lori noted yes.**

