

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for Laurel Middle and High School will be received by the Laurel School District until 3:00 PM local time on Monday, March 17, 2014, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Conference Room of the Laurel School District Offices. Bidder bears the risk of late delivery. Any bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened.

Project involves School and Office Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment (FFE).

Attention is called to construction schedule as detailed in the Bid Documents.

The District reserves the right to award this contract to a vendor other than the lowest bidder if, in the opinion of the District, the interest of the District is better served by awarding the contract to another bidder in accordance with provisions set forth in Delaware Code, Title 29, section 6962 (13).

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at 3:00 PM local time at the conference room of Laurel School District Administrative Office 1160 S. Central Ave., Laurel, DE 19956 for the purpose of establishing the listing of subcontractors and to answer questions. Representatives of each party to any Joint Venture must attend this meeting. **ATTENDANCE OF THIS MEETING IS A PREREQUISITE FOR BIDDING ON THIS CONTRACT.**

Sealed bids shall be addressed to the Laurel School District 1160 S. Central Ave., Laurel, DE 19956 Attn: Donn Steele. The outer envelope should clearly indicate: "**SEALED BID - DO NOT OPEN.**"

Contract documents may be obtained through the architect's printer at cost, non-refundable. Sets may be obtained through DiCarlo Precision Instruments, 2006 Northwood Drive, Salisbury, Maryland 21801, (410-749-0112 / fax 410-749-9323); or Reprographics Center, Inc. (RCI), Churchmans Road, New Castle, DE 19720, (302-328-5019 / fax 302-328-5067). **ALL BIDDERS MUST NOTIFY THE PRINTER OF THEIR INTEREST IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ANY ADDENDA.** It is recommended that all bidders and subcontractors purchase full sets. Owner and Architect are not responsible for bidders and/or subcontractors not obtaining the information provided through the full set of contract documents.

Construction documents will be available for review with prior notice at the following locations: Becker Morgan Group Inc., 309 South Governors Avenue, Dover, Delaware 19904; 312 West Main Street, Suite 300, Salisbury, Maryland 21801; and the Laurel School District Office, 1160 South Central Avenue, Laurel, DE 19956; and Delaware Contractors' Association, 527 Stanton Christiana Road Newark, Delaware 19713. Copies of documents will be available on or after February 12, 2014.

Bidders will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin in consideration of this award, and Minority Business Enterprises, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, Women-Owned Business Enterprises and Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids on this contract. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid security equivalent to ten percent of the bid amount and all additive alternates. The successful bidder must post a performance bond and payment bond in a sum equal to 100 percent of the contract price upon execution of the contract. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities therein. The Owner may extend the time and place for the opening of the bids from that described in the advertisement, with not less than two calendar days notice by certified delivery, facsimile machine or other electronic means to those bidders receiving plans.

By order of Laurel School District, Mr. John D. Ewald, Superintendent of Schools.