

## **PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

This “Project Supplemental Instructions to Bidders” is intended as a project specific supplement to the AIA Document A701-1997 “Instructions to Bidders”, and the “Supplemental Instructions to Bidders”. Where conflicting information or instructions exist between any of these documents, the information or instructions in this Project Supplemental Instructions to Bidders shall prevail.

### **1. Contract Documents**

Bidding Documents include the Bidding Requirements and the proposed Contract Documents. The Bidding Requirements consist of the Advertisement or Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders, Supplementary Instructions to Bidders, the bid form, and other sample bidding and contract forms. The proposed Contract Documents consist of the form of Agreement between the Owner and Contractor, Conditions of the Contract (General, Supplementary and other Conditions), Drawings, Specifications and all Addenda issued prior to execution of the Contract.

Addenda are written or graphic instruments issued by the Architect prior to the execution of the Contract, which modify or interpret the Bidding Documents by additions, deletions, clarifications or corrections.

A Bid is a complete and properly signed proposal to do the Work for the sums stipulated therein, submitted in accordance with the Bidding Documents.

The Base Bid is the sum stated in the Bid for which the Bidder offers to perform the Work described in the Bidding Documents as the base, to which Work may be added or from which Work may be deleted for sums stated in Alternate Bids.

An Alternate Bid (or Alternate) is an amount stated in the Bid to be added to or deducted from the amount of the Base Bid if the corresponding change in the Work, as described in the Bidding Documents, is accepted.

A Unit Price is an amount stated in the Bid as a price per unit of measurement for materials, equipment or services or a portion of the Work as described in the Bidding Documents.

### **2. Bids**

Submit a minimum of one hard copy of the Bidding documents with submission.

Bidders shall use complete sets of Bidding Documents in preparing Bids; neither the Owner nor Architect assumes responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete sets of Bidding Documents.

In making copies of the Bidding Documents available on the above terms, the Owner and the Architect do so only for the purpose of obtaining Bids on the Work and do not confer a license or grant permission for any other use of the Bidding Documents.

Interpretations, corrections and changes of the Bidding Documents will be made by Addendum. Interpretations, corrections and changes of the Bidding Documents made in any other manner will not be binding, and Bidders shall not rely on them.

Bids must be prepared by submitting the estimate in the exact form and sequence of the Proposal Form included in these specifications.

All blanks on the bid form shall be filled in by typewriter or manually in ink.

Where so indicated by the makeup of the bid form, sums shall be expressed in both words and figures, and in case of discrepancy between the two, the amount written in work shall govern,

Interlineations, alterations and erasures must be initialed by the signer of the Bid.

All requested Alternates shall be bid. If no change in the Base Bid is required, enter “No Change.”

Each copy of the Bid shall include the legal name of the Bidder and a statement that the Bidder is a sole proprietor, partnership, corporation or other legal entity. Each copy shall be signed by the person or persons legally authorized to bind the Bidder to a contract. A Bid by a corporation shall further give the state of incorporation and have the corporate seal affixed. A Bid submitted by an agent shall have a current power of attorney attached certifying the agent’s authority to bid the Bidder.

Include a sufficient amount in the bid to cover the cost of any and/or all work called for in Addenda or other instructions issued during the bidding period. Such work shall automatically become a part of the contract.

In the event of a tie in the bids, the Owner will decide which bidder is to be awarded the contract by any criteria the Owner chooses.

Bidders may take exception to the terms and conditions of the bid documents and specifications. Exceptions shall be considered only if they are submitted in writing within five (5) calendar days prior to the bid opening date. Exceptions which create inequity in the treatment of bidders will be rejected. Bidders risk the acceptance of their bids by the Owner, when such exceptions are deemed not in the best interest of the project are submitted.

Bidders acknowledge and accept that the Owner’s representative may, at the Owner’s option, photograph and/or videotape construction work in progress including Contractor employees.

Bidders acknowledge and accept that the Owner’s representative may, at the Owner’s option record by audiotape construction progress meetings.

3. Addenda

Addenda will be e-mailed, mailed, faxed, or delivered to all who have purchased or have been given a complete set of Bidding Documents. All addenda conforming to an 8-1/2 x 11” format will be electronically mailed (e-mailed) only.

Copies of Addenda will be made available for inspection wherever Bidding Documents are on file for that purpose.

Each Bidder shall ascertain prior to submitting a Bid that the Bidder has received all Addenda issued, and the Bidder shall acknowledge their receipt on the bid form.

4. Listing Subcontractors

As required by Chapter 69, Section 6962 of the Delaware Code, the Bidder shall submit with, and as a part of its Proposal, a complete list of Subcontractors as agreed upon at the Bidder’s Meeting during the bidding period. No Proposal will be considered unless the names and addresses, city and state only, are included in the Proposal were called where called for. The work must be awarded to the Subcontractor listed.

No General Contractor shall list itself in any Proposal as the Subcontractor of any part of the Project unless it, in addition to being licensed as a General Contractor of the state, shall also be recognized in the trades as a Subcontractor in and for any such part of parts of such work so listed in such Proposal. No Subcontractors listed in the Proposal shall be substituted unless the substitution is made in compliance with Section 6962 of the Delaware Code. Refer to Paragraph 5 in this section for further clarification.

In order to determine the various parts, or classifications of the work for which the names of Subcontractors shall be included in the Proposal, a discussion at the Prebid meeting shall be held.

Any Subcontractors (including Subcontractors to Subcontractors) not noted on the “Subcontractor List” (within the bid form), shall be subject to the Owner’s approval prior to them performing any Work, on or off site, and prior to them entering into an agreement to perform any work on this project.

5. Notice of Waiver

In submitting these bids, it is understood that the right is reserved by the Owner to reject any and/or all bids and waive informalities therein, and it is further agreed that these bids may not be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days from the opening thereof.

6. Delivery of Bids

All copies of the Bid, the bid security, if an, and other documents required to be submitted with the Bid shall be enclosed in a sealed opaque envelope. The envelope shall be addressed to the party receiving the Bids and shall be identified with the Project name and the Bidder’s name and address. If the Bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall be enclosed in a separate mailing envelope with the notation “SEALED BID ENCLOSED” on the face thereof.

Bids shall be deposited at the designated location prior to the time and date for receipt of Bids. Bids received after the time and date for receipt of Bids will be returned unopened.

The Bidder shall assume full responsibility for timely delivery at the location designated for receipt of Bids.

Oral, telephonic or telegraphic Bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

7. Consideration of Bids.

**Opening of Bids:** The properly identified Bids received on time will be opened publicly and will be read aloud.

**Rejection of Bids:** The Owner shall have the right to reject any or all Bids, reject a Bid not accompanied by a required bid security or by other data required by the Bidding Documents, or reject a Bid which is in any way incomplete or irregular.

8. Bid Bond (Bid Guarantee)

Bidders shall use standard OMB Bid Bond form. The Bid Bond shall be in the sum of ten percent (10%) of the Bid.

9. Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond (Contract Bond)

Bidders shall use Standard AIA Document A311. The Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond shall be in the sum of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract.

**Bond Requirements:** The Bidder shall furnish bonds covering the faithful performance of the Contract and payment of all obligations arising thereunder. Bonds may be secured through the Bidder's usual sources.

Cost of bonds shall be included in the Bid.

If the Owner requires that bonds be secured from other than the Bidder's usual sources, changes in cost will be adjusted as provided in the Contract Documents.

**Time of Delivery and Form of Bonds:** The Bidder shall deliver the required bonds to the Owner not later than three days following the date of execution of the Contract. If the Work is to be commenced prior thereto in response to a letter of intent, the Bidder shall, prior to commencement of the Work, submit evidence satisfactory to the Owner that such bonds will be furnished and delivered.

Unless otherwise provided, the bonds shall be written on AIA Document A311, Labor and Materials Payment Bond. Both bonds shall be written in the amount of the Contract Sum.

The bonds shall be dated on or after the date of the Contract.

The Bidder shall require the attorney-in-fact who executes the required bonds on behalf of the surety to affix thereto a certified and current copy of the power of attorney.

#### 10. Awards

It is the intent of the Owner to award the Contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Accordingly, the following shall apply:

The Owner reserves the right to award the contract on the Base Bid or on the Base Bid plus any combination of Alternate Estimate as listed in the Proposal Form. The amount of each Alternate Estimate shall include any and all costs of modifications made necessary by the use of such Alternate. An amount shall be stated for each and every Unit Price and Alternate Estimate. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and/or all of the bids presented and waive informalities therein. In the event that the sums of the Base Bid plus the selected alternates of any two or more bidders results in an identical low bid price, then the Unit Prices as listed in the Proposal may, at the option of the Owner, be used to determine the apparent low bidder.

After such a contract has been awarded, the successful bidder shall not substitute another Subcontractor for any Subcontractor whose name was set forth in the statement which accompanied its bid without the written consent of the agency awarding the contract. No agency shall consent to such substitution unless the agency is satisfied that the Subcontractor in question whose name is listed in the successful bidder's accompanying statement, (1) is unqualified to perform the work required, or (2) has failed to execute a timely reasonable subcontract, or (3) has defaulted in the performance of the part of the work covered by the subcontract, or (4) is no longer engaged in such business.

The Agreement for the Work will be written on AIA Document A101, 2007 Edition Standard Form of Agreement Between owner and Contractor Where the Basis of Payment Is a Stipulated Sum.

#### 11. Plans and Specifications (For Construction Purposes)

Upon the signing of the contract, the successful bidder (Contractor) shall upon request to the Architect, be provided free of charge, five (5) sets of these plans and specifications, as well as one set of reproducible copies.

In the event that the Contractor requires plans and specification in excess of the number produced by the Architect for bidding purposes, these additional required sets may be obtained by the Contractor at cost of reproduction.

12. Submission of Post-Bid Information

The selected Bidder, within fifteen (15) days following signing of the contract, shall submit a list of manufacturers it intends to use on the Project.

13. Substitution

It is distinctly understood that were the term “or equal” is used that the Proposal shall be submitted on the commodity specified. If the Contractor wishes to submit to the Architect a commodity or commodities which it considers equal to that specified, and desires to make a substitution, it shall furnish to the Architect all necessary data, catalogs, samples, etc., in reference to same for Architect’s decision as to whether the item is considered “or equal,” not later than ten (10) days prior to bid opening. If the Architect decides that such commodity or commodities meet the standard required, an Addendum shall be issued including the item under list of acceptable items.

Any request for the use of a substitute material, apparatus, etc. shall state where an installation is readily available for inspection; complete fabrication details and operating and maintenance performance.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the above paragraphs may be considered sufficient reason for rejection of the entire Proposal.

Manufacturers and/or Materials Suppliers not listed in the Specifications desiring approval of their products by the Architect, as acceptable substitutions for those specified shall apply for consideration of their products through one of the Contractors bidding upon the project. The Contractor receiving the request for product approval shall forward a letter (using its letterhead) regarding the request, including any comments it may have concerning the request to the Architect for consideration. In addition, the Contractor shall attach the manufacturer’s original letter of request or a copy of same, plus any literature, etc., received, to its letter, to the Architect.

14. Contract Documents

The contract documents are complementary and what is called for by any one shall be as binding as if called for by all.

For convenience, the specifications have been separated into four volumes under various headings with General Requirements listed first and the Technical Specifications following. A group of Divisions comprise the Technical Specifications. Various trades, providing materials or labor or both, whose work is closely related are grouped into these Divisions does not relieve the General Contractor from providing all labor and materials necessary to complete the work, irrespective of the Division in which such labor and material is specified.

15. Examination of Bidding Documents, Site, Etc.

Before submitting bids, bidders shall fully inform themselves of the nature of the work by personal

Examination of the site, the drawings and specifications and by such other means as they may consider necessary, as to matters, conditions and considerations bearing on or in any way affecting the preparation of their Proposal and the Contract. They shall not at any time after submission of the Proposal dispute or complain of such drawings or specifications and the General Conditions, not assert that there is any misunderstanding in regard to the location, extent or nature of the work to be performed.

Each Bidder shall examine the Bidding Documents carefully and, not later than five (5) days prior to the date for receipt of bids, shall make written request to the Architect for interpretation or correction of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error therein which it may discover.

16. Access to Site

Before commencing any work of construction, the General Contractor is to consult with the Owner and Architect as to matters in connection with access to the site and the allocation of Ground Areas for the various features of hauling, storage, etc.

17. Protections and Replacement of Roadways, Curbs, Etc.

Before starting any work, the Contractor shall file with the Architect, for approval, a list of all defective areas related to the existing site, including roadways, etc. At the close of the project, the Contractor shall repair any damaged areas to the satisfaction of the Owner and Architect.

18. Repair of Grounds

Toward the completion of the job, go over the grounds, fill any ruts and repair any damage caused by hauling, the storage of materials, and other operations, and leave the whole property in as good condition as at the start of the work.

19. Contractors Responsibilities Under OSHA Requirements

It shall be the General Contractor's and its subcontractors' responsibility to meet the necessary safety requirements, established by the Federal "Occupational Safety and Health Administration" (OSHA) required and applicable while performing work on this project.

20. Time of Completion

Work shall be commenced by the General Contractor upon receipt of the State of Delaware Purchase Order. WORK MUST BE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED BY AUGUST 16TH OF 2016.

A. Work may begin June 15, 2016.

B. All work shall be 100 percent (100%) complete on or before August 14, 2015. Work not 100 percent complete by that date may be completed by the Owner's forces with the costs back charged to the General Contractor.

- 1) Work can be completed on Saturdays and Sundays and at the extended hours during the week. The Owner shall not be responsible for additional costs for overtime.
- 2) Normal work hours shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., dependant on local noise ordinances. Work may be completed beyond these hours at no additional cost, as approved by the Owner.

- 3) **Weather Delays:** The project substantial completion date, shall only be adjusted due weather conditions if there are delays above and beyond the following “Adverse Day” allowances based on a seven day work week:
- a. January (12), February (10), March (5), April (5), May (4), June (3), August (4 days), September (5 days), October (4 days), November (3 days), and December (6 days).
  - b. If an “adverse weather day” occurs on a day when no work is scheduled to occur, then that day will not count as an “adverse weather day,” and the schedule will not be impacted.
  - c. Delays requested due to weather must relate to the critical path activity as indicated on the Contractor’s Project Schedule.

- C. See “Project Supplementary General Conditions” Section for information on liquidated damages.

21. Owner’s Inspections

The Smyrna School District may have a full time inspector for this Work in addition to the inspections completed by the Architect.

- A. Each site may be videotaped daily and progress meetings may be audio taped.
- B. Each site shall have a daily sign-in-log.

22. Secure Storage

Secure Storage shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. The owner shall not provide storage areas on, or off site.

23. Wage Provisions: For renovation projects whose total cost shall exceed \$15,000, and \$100,000 for new construction, the minimum wage rates for various classes of laborers and mechanics shall be as determined by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations of the State of Delaware. The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining a current, certified list of the Wage Rates, which apply to this contract.

Delaware’s prevailing wage law title 29, Chapter 69, requires that contractors and subcontractors submit “sworn payroll information” to the Department of Labor weekly. Prevailing wage rates shall apply to every contract or aggregate of contracts relating to a public works project in excess of \$100,000 for new construction or \$15,000 for alteration, repair, renovation, rehabilitation, demolition, or reconstruction.

24. Suspension and Debarment: Per Section 6962(d)(14), title 29, Delaware Code, “Any contractor who fails to perform a public works contract or complete a public works project with the time schedule established by the agency in the invitation to bid, may be subject to suspension or debarment for one or more of the following reasons: 1) failure to supply the adequate labor supply ration for the project; 2) inadequate financial resources; 3) poor performance on the project.

Upon such failure for any of the above stated reasons, the agency that contracted for the public works project may petition the Secretary of the Department of Administrative Services for suspension or debarment of the contractor. The agency shall send a copy of the petition to the contractor within three (3) working days of filing with the Secretary. If the Secretary concludes that the petition has merit, the Secretary shall schedule and hold a hearing to determine whether to suspend the contractor, debar the contractor or deny the petition. The agency shall have the burden of proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the contractor failed to perform or complete the

public works project within the time schedule established by the agency and failed to do so for one or more of the following reasons: 1) failure to supply the adequate labor supply ration for the project; 2) inadequate financial resources; or, 3) poor performance on the project. Upon a finding in favor of the agency, the Secretary may suspend a contractor from bidding on any project funded, in whole or in part, with public funds for up to one year for a first offense, up to three years for a second offense and permanently debar the contractor for a third offense. The Secretary shall issue a written decision and shall send a copy to the contractor and the agency. Such decision may be appealed to the Superior Court within thirty (30) days for a review on the record”.

END OF PROJECT SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS