

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for Delaware State University Contract No. PC-23-016 – **Backflow preventer installation** will be received by Delaware State University in the Office of Planning & Construction Room 105 in the Facilities Management Building, 1200 N. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901-2277, by the date and time listed below, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Conference Room. Bidder bears the risk of late delivery. Any bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened.

The bids can also be submitted electronically through email to constructionbid@desu.edu by the date and time listed below.

The email subject must have the project name and the contract number. The electronic response should have only one file in total. The filename must start with the vendor's name. The aggregate size of your response without compressing the file must not be more than 5 megabytes. Do not send any unnecessary messages to this email address. Otherwise, your emails will be marked as spam; thus, you will fully assume the risk/liability of the University's no response to your email messages. Bidder bears the risk of late delivery. Any bids received after the stated time will be automatically rejected.

Bidders bear the risk of incomplete response, late delivery, or delivery to the wrong email address of the University other than specified in this ITB. The bidder must make sure they receive a confirmation stating their bid has been received. The university is not responsible if the bids go into spam or are not delivered by the system whatsoever until the University confirms its receipt.

Only general contractors may submit bids for this project.

The project consists of backflow preventer installation throughout the DSU campuses.

A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at the time and date listed below for the purpose of establishing the listing of subcontractors.

Sealed bids shall be addressed to the Delaware State University c/o the Office of Planning & Construction, Facilities Management Building, Room 105, Dover, DE 19901-2277, Attn: Khalid Zerrad. The outer envelope should clearly indicate: "**DSU CONTRACT NO. PC-23-016 – Backflow preventer installation - SEALED BID - DO NOT OPEN.**"

Bidders may request an electronic copy of the bidding documents by submitting a written request to constructionbid@desu.edu.

Summary of Events and Dates:

2/17/2025	Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at DSU Main Campus, Facilities Building.
2/27/2025	Deadline for Questions (4:00 PM Local Time)
3/10/2025	Posting of Answers to Contractor Questions
3/19/2025	Proposals Due (3:00 PM Local Time)
4/21/2025	Anticipated Start of Construction Date (subject to change)

Note: All times listed above are the State of Delaware local time.

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. Delaware State University reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities therein. Delaware State University 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.

DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR LARGE PUBLIC WORKS

Pursuant to 29 Del.C. §6908(a)(6), effective as of January 1, 2016, OMB has established regulations that require Contractors and Subcontractors to implement a program of mandatory drug testing for Employees who work on Large Public Works Contracts funded all or in part with public funds. The regulations establish the mechanism, standards and requirements of a Mandatory Drug Testing Program that will be incorporated by reference into all Large Public Works Contracts awarded pursuant to 29 Del.C. §6962. Final publication of the identified regulations can be found at the following: [4104 Regulations for the Drug Testing of Contractor and Subcontractor Employees Working on Large Public Works Projects](#)

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