
SECTION 001116 - INVITATION TO BID

Receipt of Bids

Public notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the following prime contracts will be received for the construction of New Castle County Vocational Technical School District Hodgson Vo-Tech High School Sitework and Utilities located in Wilmington, Delaware. **Bids will be received at the office of New Castle County Vo-Tech School District, 1417 Newport Road, Wilmington, DE 19804 until 3:00 local time on Tuesday, October 17, 2023**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The outer envelope should clearly indicate: "NEW CASTLE COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - HODGSON VO-TECH HIGH SCHOOL-Foundations and Structure BP-C____ SEALED BID-DO NOT OPEN." *Bidder bears the risk of late delivery. Any bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened.*

Contract C-01: Concrete and Reinforcing
Contract C-02: Foundation Masonry
Contract C-03: Structural Steel, Joists and Deck

This project is a pilot project authorized by SB 160, Section 34, in which seven percent (7%) of the contractors for the project are DBEs. Non-DBE contractors may achieve the seven percent (7%) by hiring DBE firms as subcontractors or having their subcontractors hire DBE firms. All DBE firms must be registered with either the Delaware Department of Transportation or the Delaware Office of Supplier Diversity. The percentage requirement and the registration requirements will remain in place for the length of the project.

The selected project, New Castle County Vocational Technical School District's Hodgson Vo-Tech, includes a cooperative program in which students from Vocational Technical schools will work on the project in compliance with 19 Del. C. ch. 5.

Bids will be evaluated based on a best value process that is described in the Instruction to Bidders.

Bidding Documents

1. It is the responsibility of each bidder to review and coordinate all Project Documents. This includes plans, specifications, and addendums.
2. Documents, for review only, may be examined on or after **Monday, September 25, 2023** on the State of Delaware Online Bid Solicitation Directory, <http://bids.delaware.gov>, or at the office of the Construction Manager, EDIS Company, 110 S. Poplar Street, Suite 400, Wilmington, Delaware 19801;.
3. Bid documents will be available on the EDiS FTP site. In order to obtain access to biddable documents on the EDiS FTP site, bidders must download and complete the Plans Request form from <http://bids.delaware.gov>, and submit to: planrequests@delaware.gov for approval. Once the plans request is approved and you want to receive the biddable plans submit your request for access to the FTP site via email to Jackie McKee at jmckee@ediscompany.com. Your request should include the following information: your company name, contact name, email address, phone number, fax number, and postal mailing address.

Bid Security

A bid security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, plus a consent of surety must accompany each bid. Bid Security shall specify the Owner as the obligee. Owner: New Castle County Vo-Tech School District, 1417 Newport Road, Wilmington, DE 19804.

Pre-Bid Meeting

A **NON-mandatory** pre-bid meeting will be held at the **New Castle County Vocational Technical School District Hodgson Vo-Tech, 2575 Glasgow Ave, Newark, DE 19702 on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 3:30 PM local time.** A site visit will be conducted immediately following the pre-bid meeting. This site visit will be the only opportunity for the bidders to visit the existing building and review existing conditions affecting the work. Attendance is highly suggested but not mandatory.

Questions

Please contact EDiS Company, Kevin Lucas at klucas@ediscompany.com, (302) 420-3083 with questions. All bid questions must be submitted electronically. All bid questions must be submitted by **Tuesday, October 10, 2023.**

Conformance to the Delaware Architectural Accessibility Act and the standards of the Architectural Accessibility Board is required on the Project.

Prevailing Wage Rates

Prevailing Wage Rates, as directed by Delaware Law, must be adhered to where applicable. Davis-Bacon Act wages, in accordance with Subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40USC, must be adhered to. Contractors must pay the higher of the two rates.

Drug Testing Requirements

Pursuant to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) "4104 Regulations for the Drug Testing of Contractor and Subcontractor Employees Working on Large Public Works Projects" required that Contractors and Subcontractors who work on Large Public Works Contracts funded all or in part with public funds implement a Mandatory Drug Testing Program. The latest regulation can be downloaded from the following website: <http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title19/4000/4100/4104.pdf>

Craft Training for Public Works Procurement

In accordance with Delaware Code, Title 29, Chapter 69, Section 6962, requires: A public works contract must include a requirement that the contractor provide craft training for journeyman and apprentice levels if all of the following apply:

- A. The project requires prevailing wages and,
- B. The contractor or subcontractor employs 10 or more people and,
- C. It is not a federal highway project.

The craft training may be provided by any of the following:

- A. The contractor, or
- B. The subcontractor, or
- C. A program registered pursuant under Section 1101-4.0 of Title 19 of the Delaware Administrative Code.

Subsection 6902 defines "Craft Training" as "an apprenticeship program approved by and registered with any state apprenticeship agency or the United States Department of Labor. The Secretary of the Department of Labor shall maintain a list of crafts for which there are approved and registered training programs."

Delaware's Contractor Registration Act Is Effective July 1, 2021

<https://labor.delaware.gov/divisions/industrial-affairs/labor-law/contractor-registration-act/>

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.

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