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INVITATION TO BID

Public notice is hereby given that sealed bids for Contract No. 2401.01 – New Castle County Vo-Tech Paint Booth. **Bids will be received by Sean Sokolowski, New Castle County Vo-Tech School District, at New Castle County Vo-Tech School District Office, 1417 Newport Road, Wilmington, DE 19804 until 10:00AM local time on September 24, 2025**, 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 – AUTO-BODY PAINT BOOTH CONTRACT #2401.01.”** *Bidder bears the risk of late delivery. Any bids received after the stated time will be returned unopened.*

Project involves furnishing, installation and start up of Auto-Body Spray Booth, Mixing Room and Prep Workstation within the existing conditions and dimension requirements of the space. **These are as-built conditions to be conformed to.**

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 **August 20, 2025** on the State of Delaware Online Bid Solicitation Directory, <http://bids.delaware.gov>, or at the office of the ABHA Architect, 1621 N. Lincoln Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19806.
3. Bid documents will be available on the ABHA FTP site. In order to obtain access to biddable documents on the ABHA 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 Katrina Murphy at kmurphy@abha.com. Your request should include the following information: your company name, contact name, email address, phone number, fax number, and postal mailing address.

Pre-Bid Meeting

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **September 3, 2025, at 10:00AM** at the **New Hodgson Vo-Tech High School site, 2575 Glasgow Avenue, Newark, DE 19702** 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.**

Questions

Please contact New Castle County Vo-Tech School District, Sean Sokolowski at sean.sokolowski@nccvt.k12.de.us with questions. All bid questions must be submitted electronically. All questions must be submitted by **September 18, 2025**.

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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