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INVITATION TO BID

OMB/DFM Contract No. 18396-5A, New Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill - Sunnyside Road Improvements will be received by the State of Delaware, Office of Management and Budget, Division of Facilities Management, by way of the Bonfire Portal at <https://DFM.bonfirehub.com> until **1:00 P.M. local time on Thursday, October 23, 2025**. Bidder bears the risk of late submission.

Bids will be opened and read aloud at **2:00 P.M. local time on Thursday, October 23, 2025**, at the Haslet Armory, Conference Room 219, 122 Martin Luther King Blvd. S., Dover, DE 19901.

This Community Workforce Project is a component of the Pilot Program authorized under Section 34 of Senate Bill 160, also known as the FY 2024 Bond Bill. As contemplated by the FY 2024 Bond Bill, and as memorialized in that certain Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) between OMB and Delaware Building and Construction Trades Council, on behalf of itself and its affiliates and members, OMB has established for this project a union workforce goal of fifty percent (50%), meaning that 50% of all of labor-person hours for the entire project will be performed by union workers. As required by the FY 2024 Bond Bill, the awarded contractor will be required to enter into an agreement with OMB in furtherance of the Pilot Program. Under the Pilot Program agreement, the awarded contractor will be required to honor its union labor commitments and will have mandatory reporting requirements. The MOU and the form of Pilot Program agreement are included as attachments to the Instructions to Bidders.

Bids will be evaluated on a form of “best value,” which is described in the Instruction to Bidders, based upon lowest price, fastest schedule, and a plan outlining how the contractor proposes to achieve the union workforce percentage. The awarded contractor may achieve the union workforce percentage by: (1) utilizing its own collective bargaining agreements; (2) contracting with subcontractors that have collective bargaining agreements; and/or (3) making other arrangements that permit the contractor or its subcontractors to hire local union workers.

The project involves the improvement of Sunnyside Road from its intersection with US-13 to the southern property line. Work includes, and is not limited to the following: mill and overlay, shoulder widening, auxiliary lanes, intersection improvements, grading, storm drainage, shared use path, maintenance of traffic, etc.

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. local time at DHCI Prickett North Conference Room**, for the purpose of establishing the list of subcontractors and to answer questions. Upon arrival, attendees are to check in at front desk for directions to pre-bid meeting room. Representatives of each party to any Joint Venture must attend this meeting. **ATTENDANCE OF THIS MEETING IS A PREREQUISITE FOR BIDDING ON THIS CONTRACT.**

Documents may be examined at the office of the Construction Manager, Wohlsen Construction Company, 501 Carr Road, Suite 101, Wilmington, Delaware 19809; on or after July 1, 2025. Documents may be viewed and downloaded at Wohlsen’s Building Connected site on or after July 1, 2025. Interested bidders are to register as bidders with Wohlsen Construction by contacting Janette Giordano jgiordano@wohlsen.com. Reference the contract number and Bid Package you are interested in bidding. Upon registering, the bidder will receive electronic access to the bidding documents via an e-mail notice. It is the responsibility of each bidder to review and coordinate all Project Documents. This includes plans, specifications and addendums.

Construction documents will be available for review at the following locations: Delaware Contractors Association; Associated Builders and Contractors.

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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To Our Business Partners/State of Delaware Vendors

The Division of Facilities Management (DFM) has partnered with Bonfire Interactive to improve the online bidding process. DFM will now join Government Support Services (GSS), the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), the Department of Transportation (DelDOT), and the Department of Technology and Information (DTI) in accepting online bid submissions through the Bonfire Interactive portal. In preparation for this transition there are a few things to keep in mind:

- Vendors will continue to find DFM bid opportunities at <https://mmp.delaware.gov/Bids/>.
- All state solicitations will clearly identify how to submit bid proposals.
- If the solicitation requires submission through the Bonfire portal the solicitation will clearly state this requirement.

When the Bonfire portal is being utilized, and online bid submissions apply, vendors should note:

- Bonfire Portal can be accessed at <http://DFM.bonfirehub.com>.
- A Bonfire registration affords vendors an additional opportunity to receive email notice(s) when solicitations are available.
- Solicitation documents will be visible in Bonfire just as the documents will remain visible in GSS' [MyMarketplace](#).
- For solicitations that use Bonfire to receive documents, the Vendor **will need** to register for the Bonfire portal to submit a bid.
- "In-person" bid/proposal submissions will not be accepted.
- Bid advertisements at GSS' MyMarketplace and the Bonfire Portal will indicate a bid submission due date and time as well as a bid opening date and time. These dates/times must be met in order for the submission to be considered responsive.
- Public Works Bid Openings will remain in person.

There is NO COST to register with and/or utilize Bonfire. (Bonfire may offer enhanced registration options but vendors are not obligated to pay or select the enhanced registration options.)

Bonfire resources:

- **Bonfire Portal to view DFM opportunities** <https://DFM.bonfirehub.com>
- [Vendor Registration](#)
- [Password Creation Error](#)
- [Creating and Uploading a Submission](#)
- [Vendor Registration and Submission \(Video\)](#)

***PLEASE NOTE:** Online bidding and the required paperwork submissions **WILL NOT APPLY** to all State of Delaware solicitations.

Thank you for your interest in doing business with the State of Delaware.