

**SECTION 00 11 16**

**INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed bids for **OMB/DFM Contract No. 18396C, New Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill** 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 **11:00 A.M. local time on Thursday, July 24, 2025**. Bidder bears the risk of late submission.

Bids will be opened and read aloud at **1:00 P.M. local time on Thursday, July 24, 2025**, at the Haslet Armory, Conference Room 133, 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.

**Bids are to be received for the following contracts:**

- Package H Aluminum & Glass**
- Package K Food Service Equipment**
- Package I Flooring**

A **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at 9:00 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](mailto: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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