



Notice of Information Item No. 3

Dated: February 19, 2021

**Arlington Public Schools
Procurement Office**

Invitation to Bid 16FY21

Invitation to Bid Title: Kitchen and Entrance Renovations to Arlington Traditional Elementary School

Invitation to Bid Number: 16FY21

Invitation to Bid Issue Date: January 29, 2021

Pre-Bid Conference: February 5, 2021 (Refer to Invitation Title Page 2)

Bid Closing Date/Time: March 5, 2021, No Later Than 11:59 P.M. (EDT)

Bid Opening Date/Time: March 8, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. (EDT)

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The following information is provided to help Bidders submit a Bid in response to ITB 16FY21.

Questions Asked During Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visits

Q1 What is the period of Performance?

A1 The period of performance for each project can be found at Section 4, Contract Period, of the Agreement Between and Contractor in the respective ITBs.

Q2 With a NTP of 4/29/21 may not give us enough time for deliveries.

A2 No. Contractor will need to expedite the submittal phase and expedite materials as required to meet the contractual deadlines.

ATS Elementary School (First Site Visit):

- Attendance
 - Ryan Keys – The Matthews Group (GC)
 - Brett Harrison – Barco Demolition (subcontractor)
 - Scott Page – FH Paschen (GC)
 - Doug Gehley – VMDO (Architect)
 - Kristen Hill – VMDO (Architect)
 - Jessica Ferrari – Whiting-Turner (GC)
 - Matt Williams – APS
 - Brice Queen – CMTA (Engineer)

Q1 What is the thickness of the concrete slab to be demolished, if known?

A1 It is unknown and unspecified on the drawings.

Q2 Will there be staff in the building when we mobilize on site?

A2 Yes, there will be a limited amount of staff in the building including the administrative staff and custodians. The admin staff plan to be working somewhere in the building, away from the construction zone, but is subject to change.

Q3 Will we be allowed to park in the school's parking lot?

A3 Yes

ATS Elementary School (Second Site Visit):

- Attendance
 - Lee Rodriguez – Vision Works (sub)
 - Jay Na – FH Paschen (GC)
 - Doug Gehley – VMDO (Architect)
 - Gerry Nowal – Meridian Construction (GC)
 - Brent Jones – PCS (demo sub)
 - Pamela Cespedes – CCP Demo (Demo sub)
 - Casiano Cespedes - CCP Demo (demo sub)
 - Matt Williams – APS (owner)
 - Brandon Hayden – H&D Mechanical (mech sub)
 - Daniel Fautrel – DRCC Drywall (drywall sub)
 - Daniel Zildeimen – ACM (abatement sub)

Questions Received Outside of the Pre-Bid Conference

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Q1 I would like to request a planholders or bidders list, and to confirm that the bid date and time are unchanged.

A1 Information on who attended the pre-Bid Conference, who has requested copies of the drawings/specifications are attached. It is confirmed the Bid Closing Date/Time remain unchanged.

Q2 If any addenda have been recently released and you are able to attach them to this response that would be appreciated.

A2 All Addenda shall be posted on the APS website and on eVA. It is the responsibility of

each Bidder to access this information.

Q3. Steamer spec model is E64803E140DBL – (2) 480v steamer cavities. Schedule model is E62083E120 DBL and lists (2) 208v cavities. We think the correct current model is E62083E150 DBL, please confirm?

A3 Refer to Addendum No. 1

Q4. Walk-in specs state the box is to be floorless without floor panels, wall panels are to lock into metal clad 4-1/2” high screeds. Section C details on special conditions K500 shows the box with interior ramp and floor panels. Sections A and B show interior floor angle. Structural & Architectural drawings do not show a recessed pit, please confirm the desired intent is for the box to have floor panels with interior ramp. Please specify floor panel finish.

A4 All Walk-ins are to have an interior ramp.

Q5 Are the following equivalent brands acceptable ? We understand that footprint, utility, capacity, function must match the basis of design:

- Duke & LTI in addition to Delfield for the custom serving counters
- Kolpak & Thermalrite in addition to Bally for the custom walk-in boxes
- Powersoak & Insinger in addition to Duke for the custom prep sink
- Continental & Delfield in addition to True for the upright refrigerators & warming cabinets
- Vulcan, Rational & Convotherm in addition to Electrolux for the combi-ovens
- Vulcan, Groen & Cleveland in addition to Accutemp for the steamers
- Metro in addition to Cambro for the polymer shelving units

A5 Refer to Addendum No.1 for acceptable equivalent brands.

Q6 The drawings we rec'd were only 1st floor and were labeled “Kitchen Remodel”.

A6 The drawings distributed by VMDO were all the bid documents.

Q7 In order to order to provide DAS proposal, we will need to see the floor plans that included Telecom room breakout and Riser Stack location.

A7 There is no new DAS System. Reference the bid documents for instances where a DAS device may need to be removed, relocated, re-installed.

Q8 Also, please confirm if there is a low voltage opportunity as we would want to bundle DAS with Cabling.

A8 The bid documents do indicate some new low voltage scope. The bidder is responsible for all scope indicated on the documents and organizing their sub-tier subcontractors.

Q9 Does a Bidder have to be a prequalified contractor with Arlington Public Schools before bidding on all Capital Bond Improvement Projects. Competitive bids for renovation projects obtained from prequalified bidders only.

A9 A Bidder does not have to be a pre-qualified contractor with Arlington Public Schools to be able to submit a Bid in response to this ITB. There is no pre-qualification requirements. The ITB does have a minimum qualification/experience requirement. If the

Bidder does not meet the minimum qualifications/experience it will not be considered for Contract award.

Q10 Since this is an electronic bid, are we still required to submit two copies as per instruction 5.9, or is that a left over instruction from pre-COVID restrictions?

A10 Only one electronic copy of a Bid is required to be submitted.

Q11 Regarding the anticipated construction budget for each of the 3 projects – in one outlet, it states \$1 M - 2,999,999; is that the available funds for the 3 locations combined, or per individual school?

A11 The funds available for each Project will be announced immediately after Bid Closing and before Bid Opening.

Q12 Request thickness of the existing concrete slab-on-grade to be removed?

A12 The existing concrete slab thickness is unknown and unspecified on the drawings.

Q13 On page A11 of the drawings, Diagram 2; there is a note D-28 and D-27 but there is no description of what that work is. Can you please clarify the work related to notes D-28 and D-27?

A13 Refer to Addendum No. 1.

Q14 On page A700 of the drawings there is note 10 5113A “See FS DWGS”. This page does not exist. Can you please provide FS DWGS?

A14 Refer to Addendum No. 1.

Q15 On your website, I read that APS no longer registers vendors through its Procurement Office. Could please confirm that your bidding process is open? For example, we are pre-qualified with FX Co to bid on their projects. We are interested in a current solicitation for Kitchen/Entrance Renovations, and want to verify if there is any pre-requisite paperwork.

A15 See the answer provided to question 9 above.

Q16 I am responding to your questions concerning the Kitchen/Entrance projects. On these projects there is no pre-qualification requirements. However, each ITB does have a minimum qualification/experience requirement. If the Bidder does not meet the minimum qualifications/experience it will not be considered for Contract award. This information is contained in the ITB.

A16 See the answer provided to question 9 above.

Q17 Since the second site visit has been moved to 2/12/2021, will the deadline for bidder's questions be extended from the current date of 2/10/21?

A17 Questions received following the walk-through on 2/12/21 have been answered.

Q18 Can the due date for questions be extended so that any additional questions from the walk-through on 2/12/21 can be answered?

A18 See the answer provided to question 17.

- Q19 Please confirm the deck height in areas of new work.
A19 Refer to Addendum No. 1.
- Q20 Please advise if (3) separate bid bonds are required for each individual project, or if (1) single bid bond is acceptable should a contractor be bidding all (3) projects?
A20 Separate bid bonds are required for each individual project.
- Q21 Refer to section 1.10 of the Full Project Manual. According to the manual, contractors are to "keep driveways loading areas, and entrances servicing premises clear and available to Owner, Owner's employees, and emergency vehicles at all times. Do not use these areas for parking or for storage of materials." Per site walk Friday 2/5, each loading dock entrance was noted as available to be used by the Contractor as a primary dumpster and laydown location. Please confirm that using the loading docks for dumpster and material storage is still feasible.
A21 Yes, Contractor will be allowed to use the loading dock for access and material storage. Contractor may need to relocate existing garbage receptacles for Waste Management to be able to access them.

Attached:

Pre-Bid Conference Attendee Report – 2021-02-05
Requestors of Copies of the Drawings/Specifications

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