Date: May 9, 2013
RFQ # 7465364
TITLE: Fire Code Upgrades, Fine Arts Building University of Rhode Island, Kingston RI
CLOSING DATE AND TIME: Thursday June 6, 2013 @ 11:00AM (EST)

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: YES, Wednesday May 22, 2013 @ 10:00 am (EST)
MANDATORY: YES
LOCATION: University of Rhode Island Library, Galanti Lounge, 15 Lippitt Rd., Kingston, RI

Questions concerning this solicitation may be e-mailed, in Microsoft Word format, to the Division of Purchases at questions@purchasing.ri.gov no later than **5/27/2013 @ 12:00 noon** EST. Please reference the RFQ # on all correspondence. Answers to questions received, if any, will be posted on the Internet as an addendum to this solicitation. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to download this information.

SURETY REQUIRED: Yes
BOND REQUIRED: Yes

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Interdepartmental Project Manager

Vendors must register on-line at the State Purchasing Website at www.purchasing.ri.gov

NOTE TO VENDORS:

Offers received without the entire completed four-page RIVIP Generated Bidder Certification Form attached may result in disqualification.

THIS PAGE IS NOT A BIDDER CERTIFICATION FORM

DOCUMENT 00100 – INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS – BID NO. 7465364

Date:	*May 9, 2013*
Project:	Fine Arts Building Fire Code Upgrade Phase 2 University of Rhode Island, Kingston Campus
Project Description:	Fire Code Upgrade including fire sprinkler system work, fire alarm work and the provision of concrete, concrete masonry unit work, metal railings, gypsum drywall, doors, frames, hardware, suspended acoustical ceilings, flooring, painting, and electrical and mechanical work.
Completion Time:	December 31, 2013
Owner:	Rhode Island Board of Education, University of Rhode Island, and State or Rhode Island
Purchaser:	State of Rhode Island Dept. of Administration, Division of Purchases 2nd Floor One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908
Design Agent:	Hughes Associates Inc. Fire Protection Engineers 117 Metro Center Boulevard, Suite 1002 Warwick, RI 02886 Attn: Mark Blackburn P.E.401.736.8992

The Owner is soliciting bids for Fire Code Upgrade – Phase 2 at Fine Arts Building on the Kingston Campus or other of the University of Rhode Island, in accordance with the plans and specifications dated February 22, 2011.

Sealed proposals addressed to the **Purchaser** shall be received on or before the date and time specified below. At that time they will be opened and read aloud in public.

General Contractors are invited to submit an offer under seal to the Purchaser at the appropriate address, for construction of the above Project, on or before:

Time: 11:00 am (EST), Date: June 6, 2013

NOTE: Plans and specifications are available to download from the RI Division of Purchases website at www.purchasing.ri.gov (labeled with the issue date of this Solicitation Information document) at no cost.

A certified check or **Bid Bond** payable to the State of Rhode Island in an amount equal to Five Percent (5%) of the proposal shall be submitted with the bid.

A **Performance** and **Payment Bond** equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price with a surety company registered and licensed in the State of Rhode Island shall be required of the successful bidder.

This project is subject to terms, conditions and provisions of the Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 37-14.1 et. Seq, and regulations promulgated thereunder, which require that ten percent (10%) of the dollar value of work performed on the project be performed by minority business enterprises, and that wage rates to be paid under the Contract for this project must be in accordance with those prevailing wages on file in the Rhode Island Department of Labor, Office of the Director.

Bidders are also subject to the terms, conditions, and provisions of Chapters 2, 12, and 13 of Title 37, general laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956 as amended, including apprentice requirements of 13-3.1.

Refer to Documents 00200 –Instructions to Bidders and 00210 – Supplemental Instructions to Bidders for specific Bidding requirements including additional State and Federal mandates.

The **Purchaser** reserves the right to waive any technicalities in the bids, award in the best interest of the University, and accept or reject any or all offers.

The **Owner** will hold a **Mandatory*** pre-bid conference at

University of Rhode Island Library, Galanti Lounge, 15 Lippitt Rd., Kingston, RI at:

Time: 10:00 am (EST) Date: May 22, 2013

*Any vendor who intends to submit a bid proposal in response to this solicitation must have its designated representative attend the mandatory pre-bid conference. The representative must register at the pre-bid conference and disclose the identity of the vendor whom he/she represents. Because attendance at the pre-bid conference is mandatory, a vendor's failure to attend and register at the pre-bid conference shall result in disqualification of the vendor's bid proposal as non-responsive to the solicitation.

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Department of Administration
DIVISION OF PURCHASES
One Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02908-5855

NOTICE TO VENDORS

Effective **January 1, 2013** all *public works project* related bids or proposals exceeding **Five Hundred Thousand ($500,000) dollars** are required to include a "public copy." All agency contract solicitations and invitations for bids, etc. shall state that any bid or proposal that exceeds Five Hundred Thousand ($500,000) dollars must include a copy to be available for public inspection upon the opening of the bids. Any bid or proposal in excess of Five Hundred Thousand ($500,000) dollars which does not include a copy for public inspection shall be deemed to be non-responsive. For further information, please see R. I. Gen. Laws §37-2-18(j)..

Dated: December 11, 2012

State of Rhode Island Department of Administration
Division of Purchases

REVISED
December 11, 2012

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND VENDORS BIDDING ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

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For further information, see R.I. Gen. Laws Section 37-2-18(j) and State Procurement Regulations at www.purchasing.ri.gov. This requirement applies to all public works projects (vertical and horizontal) exceeding Five Hundred Thousand ($500,000) dollars and any combination of base bid plus all alternates.

In accordance to the State Procurement Regulations the following conditions are required:

1. All bid proposals shall be opened publicly and read aloud.
2. Each bid, together with the name of the bidder, shall be recorded and an abstract made available "immediately" for public inspection.
3. Copy of the redacted bid proposal shall be available for public inspection by the close of the business the day the subject bid(s) and/or contract(s) is opened by the Division of Purchases.

4. The burden to identify and withhold from the public copy that is released at the bid opening any trade secrets, commercial or financial information, or other information the bidder deems not subject to public disclosure pursuant to Chapter 38-2, the Access to Public Records Act, shall rest solely and exclusively with the bidder submitting the bid proposal.

5. At the time that a proposal is submitted, a bidder must submit a redacted copy of the bid proposal in a PDF (Portable Document File) file format on a read only CD-R Media Disk (hereinafter referred to as a "CD"). Vendors are required to provide all documents submitted in response to the bid solicitation on the CD.
   a. The acceptable media is a CD-R. Media that is read/writable (CD RW) will not be accepted.
   b. Only readable, not writeable media is acceptable.
   c. Vendor is responsible for supplying their own CD-R media.
   d. Vendor is responsible for the integrity of the CD.

6. Failure of the bidder to submit a public copy on a readable CD, as required by RIGL 37-2-18 as amended, shall result in the disqualification of said bid.

7. CD must be enclosed in a protective cover and the protective cover clearly labeled with the following:
   a. Marked "Public Copy"
   b. Title of Solicitation as it appears on the RIVIP cover letter.
   c. Name of Company and Vendor ID as it appears on the RIVIP cover letter.
   d. Bid Response Number as it appears on the RIVIP cover letter.
   e. Date of Bid as it appears on the RIVIP cover letter.

8. Bid response on CD-R to be in a PDF (Portable Document Format).
   a. One PDF file will be on the CD-R. File to meet the following requirements:
      i. Only one file will contain all documents in response to the bid. If you have more than one document for the response, the documents must be concatenated or merged into one PDF document. Failure to submit only one PDF file may result in disqualification of bid.
      ii. File should be named in the following manner:
         1. BidNumber_DateofBid_VendorName_VendorID.pdf. Where:
            1. Bid Number is the bid number for which the response is for as it appears on the RIVIP cover sheet.
            2. Dateofbid is date of bid using the format (mm-dd-yyyy).
            3. VendorName is the name of the vendor as one word – no spaces or punctuation.
            4. Vendor ID as it appears on the RIVIP vendor cover sheet.

Note: you must use underscores in separating the fields. Do not use underscores anywhere else in the filename other than to separate the fields.

Example: 1234567_06-01-2011_Vendor1_9876.pdf

9. Purchasing staff will officially conclude the bid opening and all loaded proposals will be posted to the Purchasing web site. All proposals will be available immediately after bid opening www.purchasing.ri.gov .

For technical assistance, contact the Division of Purchases office at 574-8100.