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DIVISION OF PURCHASES INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION (PWC)

Compliance with Instructions to Bidders
These Instructions to Bidders contain terms and conditions that will govern the preparation and submission of a bid proposal and any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation. Bidders must comply with each and every requirement of these Instructions to Bidders. Any failure to comply with any requirement may result in the determination of a nonresponsive bid proposal and/or the rejection of the bid proposal.

Priority of Terms and Conditions
The terms and conditions in these Instructions to Bidders *supersede* any and all inconsistent or conflicting terms and conditions in any other provision of any other document in this solicitation or in the bid proposal and govern this solicitation, the bid proposal, and any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

Offer to Contract
Bid proposals constitute an offer to contract with the State of Rhode Island through the Department of Administration Division of Purchases on the terms and conditions contained in the solicitation, the laws of the State of Rhode Island, including all procurement statutes and regulations (available at www.ridop.ri.gov), and applicable federal and local law, all of which are incorporated into this solicitation and any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation by this reference.

Comprehensive Review and Inspection
The bidder is responsible for carefully reviewing all the requirements of this solicitation, inspecting the project location, including checking and/or verifying measurements, site conditions, any limitations, and other details, prior to preparing and submitting its bid proposal. Failure to submit a complete bid proposal may result in rejection of the bid proposal. Claims for additional costs or time resulting from the bidder's failure to inspect and/or verify will not be considered.

Addenda
Responses to questions from bidders, interpretations of plans and specifications, changes prior to the bid proposal submission deadline, approvals of any substitutions, and supplemental instructions and terms will be posted as addenda on the Division of Purchases website at www.ridop.ri.gov, and all addenda become incorporated into this solicitation upon posting. Bidders are responsible for checking the website to determine the issuance of any addenda. No addenda will be posted within the 5-day period preceding the bid proposal submission deadline except for an addendum withdrawing the solicitation or extending the bid proposal submission deadline.

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Prebid Conference
At the discretion of the State Purchasing Agent, a pre-bid conference - mandatory or non-mandatory - may be held. Bidders must attend a mandatory pre-bid conference and are encouraged to attend a nonmandatory pre-bid conference. The bidder's representative must register with the Division of Purchases at a mandatory pre-bid conference and identify the bidder he or she represents.

Costs
The bidder is responsible for all costs and expenses to develop and submit a bid proposal in response to this solicitation.

Preparation of Bid Proposal
Bid proposals must be made on the Bid Form included in the solicitation and in accordance with the instructions in this solicitation. All applicable blanks must be completed in a legible manner, printed electronically, typed, or handwritten in ink, and amounts must be expressed in both words and figures. In the event of any contradictory terms, handwritten terms prevail over printed or typed terms, and words prevail over figures. Signatures must be in ink. No additional provisions, conditions, or limitations may be made by the bidder, and any erasures and/or corrections must be initialed in ink by the person signing on behalf of the bidder.

Bid Price
The bidder must submit a Base Bid Price on the Bid Form to perform all of the work specified in the solicitation, including the cost of the bonds and any allowances and addenda. The costs of alternates shall not be included in the calculation of the Base Bid Price. The bidder shall separately provide the cost for each alternate listed in the Bid Form. The cost for each alternate must be designated as an addition to, or subtraction from, the Base Bid Price. Alternates will be selected, if any, by the Division of Purchases in the order of priority listed in the Bid Form.

Bidder Certification Cover Form
The bidder must download, complete, sign, and submit the Bidder Certification Cover Form for this solicitation as the first document with each bid proposal. The Bidder Certification Cover Form is downloadable with the solicitation from the Division of Purchases website by logging in as a RIVIP vendor and clicking on the applicable "Bid Number."

Contractors Registration
The bidder must have and maintain a valid certificate of registration issued by the Contractors' Registration Board throughout the term of the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation and ensure that its subcontractors, unless exempt from registration, also obtain and maintain valid certificates of registration.

Taxes
The State of Rhode Island is exempt from federal excise taxes and state and municipal sales and use taxes. The bidder shall not include such taxes in any prices in the bid proposal.

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Divestiture of Investments in Iran Requirement

No bidder engaged in investment activities in Iran as described in R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-2.5-2(b) may submit a bid proposal to, or renew a contract with, the Division of Purchases. Each bidder submitting a bid proposal or entering into a renewal of a contract is required to certify that the bidder does not appear on the list maintained by the General Treasurer pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-2.5-3.

Domestic Steel

Any steel products required by the plans and specifications in this solicitation must be formed, extruded, forged, cast, fabricated, or otherwise processed from steel made in the United States.

Withdrawal

A bidder may withdraw its bid proposal at any time prior to the bid proposal submission deadline. Bid proposals are irrevocable for a period of 60 days following the bid proposal submission deadline.

Reservation of Rights

The Division of Purchases reserves the right, at any time, for any reason, in its sole discretion, to: (i) revoke, suspend, or terminate this solicitation; (ii) accept or reject any and all bid proposals, in whole or in part; (iii) waive any technical defects, irregularities, or omissions in any bid proposals; and/or (iv) terminate any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation, with or without cause.

Award

The State Purchasing Agent, in his or her sole discretion, will award the contract pursuant to this solicitation to the responsive and responsible bidder who submits the lowest responsive and responsible bid proposal. The State Purchasing Agent may determine, in his or her sole discretion, the low bid proposal on the basis of the amount of the Base Bid Price plus the alternates selected in accordance with the Bid Form. The successful bidder will receive a tentative letter of award from the Division of Purchases with instructions for the bidder to submit further documentation. The successful bidder shall be authorized to commence work only upon the issuance of the Purchase Order by the Division of Purchases and, in addition, an authorization from the user agency. The issuance of the Purchase Order and the continuation of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation is contingent upon the availability of funds.

Prevailing Wages

For contracts priced under $1 Million

The successful bidder and its subcontractors must pay their workers at the applicable prevailing wage rates (adjusted every July 1) for the various trades on a weekly basis, pay their workers one and one-half times the applicable prevailing wage rates for each hour worked in excess of 8 hours in any one day or 40 hours in any one week, and submit certified weekly payroll forms on a monthly basis to the user agency. Prevailing wage posters and rate schedules, available at the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training website at www.dlt.ri.gov, must be posted at the project site.

For contracts priced $1 Million or More

The successful bidder and its subcontractors must pay their workers at the applicable prevailing wage rates (adjusted every July 1) for the various trades on a weekly basis, pay their workers one and one-half times the applicable prevailing wage rates for each hour worked in excess of 8 hours in any one

day or 40 hours in any one week, submit certified weekly payroll forms on a monthly basis to the user agency, and maintain a certified prevailing wage daily log at the project site. Prevailing wage posters and rate schedules, available at the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training website at www.dlt.ri.gov, must be posted at the project site.

Apprenticeship

If the value of the project pursuant to this solicitation is at least $1 Million (including all alternates), the successful bidder must employ apprentices on this project (in accordance with the apprentice to journeyperson ratio for each trade approved by the State Apprenticeship Council. The bidder must complete, sign, and submit the General Contractor Apprenticeship Certification Form, included in the solicitation, with the bid proposal.

The successful bidder will also be required to complete, sign, and submit the General Contractor Apprenticeship Re-Certification and Certification Form following receipt of the tentative letter of award, and, in addition, each subcontractor must complete, sign, and submit to the successful bidder the Subcontractor Apprenticeship Certification Form prior to the commencement of any work on the project pursuant to this solicitation.

Specific information about apprentice occupations and apprenticeship requirements is available on the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training website at www.dlt.ri.gov/apprenticeship.

Occupational Safety

The successful bidder must ensure (if the total contract price is at least $100,000) that all employees at the project site possess a card issued by the United States Department of Labor certifying successful completion of an OSHA ten (10) hour construction safety program.

Hazardous Substances

The successful bidder must submit a chemical identification list to the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training upon receipt of a Purchase Order from the Division of Purchases prior to performance of the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation and make available to all employees a list of any hazardous substances that may present a risk of exposure.

Substitutions

Any proposal in response to a request for substitutions in this solicitation must include the detailed information necessary for a comprehensive evaluation, including (without limitation) the name of the material or equipment of the proposed substitution and a complete description of the proposed substitution, with drawings and performance and test data. Products specified in this solicitation establish a standard of quality, performance, dimension, function, and appearance. Proposed substitutions must meet the standard and will not be considered without the prior written approval of the Division of Purchases. All substitution approvals will be posted, as addenda to the solicitation on the Division of Purchases website.

Licenses

The successful bidder and anyone performing any work on the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation must possess all of the licenses required by any federal, state, or local law to perform such work.

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Drug-Free Workplace
The successful bidder shall comply, and require that its employees comply, with the State of Rhode Island Drug Free Workplace policy and provide a certificate of compliance within the 21-day period following the tentative letter of award.

Sprinkler Impairment
The successful bidder must comply with the requirements of the State of Rhode Island's insurance carrier for sprinkler impairment and hot work, accessible at the Division of Purchases website at www.ridop.ri.gov.

Foreign Corporations
No foreign corporation or limited liability company may transact business in the State of Rhode Island until it shall have obtained a Certificate of Authority from the Rhode Island Secretary of State, and no foreign limited partnership may transact business in the State of Rhode Island until it shall have obtained a Certificate of Registration from the Rhode Island Secretary of State. The successful bidder, if a corporation or limited liability company, will be required to provide a Good Standing Certificate, and if a limited partnership, will be required to provide a Letter of Legal Existence, issued by the Rhode Island Secretary of State within the 21-day period following the tentative letter of award.

Campaign Finance
The successful bidder who has contributed, within the 24 months preceding the contract award, an aggregate amount of more than $250.00 within a calendar year to any Rhode Island general officer, candidate for general office, any member of the general assembly, or any Rhode Island political party, must file a "Vendor Affidavit" with the State of Rhode Island Board of Elections. Information about "Vendor Affidavits" and electronic filing is available at www.elections.ri.gov or Board of Elections, Campaign Finance, (401) 222-2056.

Binding Contract
The form of agreement the successful bidder will be required to execute is included in the solicitation. A binding contract between the State of Rhode Island and the successful bidder will be formed by the issuance of a Purchase Order from the Division of Purchases, *and only by the issuance of a Purchase Order, and only to the extent of available funds*. The binding contract will incorporate and be subject to the terms and conditions of the solicitation, including the Invitation to Bid, the Instructions to Bidders, the General Conditions, any Supplemental Conditions, the Plans and Specifications, the Bid Form, the Bidder Certification Cover Form, the Agreement, and also the Purchase Order. The successful bidder shall be authorized to commence work only upon the issuance of the Purchase Order and, in addition, an authorization from the user agency.

Compliance with Terms of Contract
Failure of the successful bidder to comply with the terms and conditions of any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation may result in nonpayment, suspension or termination of the contract, suspension or debarment of the bidder, or any other necessary or appropriate remedy.