

INVITATION TO BID

Sussex County will receive sealed bids **until 2:00 PM. EDT, Friday, November 17, 2023**, in the Sussex County Administrative Office Building, 2 The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware 19947, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in Council Chambers for the following:

PROPOSED CAMPUS AT JAMES FARM ECOLOGICAL PRESERVE
Sussex County Project C23-21
Contract Term: 250 Consecutive Calendar Days

Bids are being sought from Contractors to provide all labor, materials, tools, equipment and services required for construction of an educational and maintenance campus, including site and utility work in preparation of building construction; completing one wood-framed Education Building, one wood-framed Maintenance Building, and one wood-framed Paddle Storage Building; and performing all mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and other work items as necessary to complete the Project.

Bidding Documents, including the Contract Documents, may be obtained in an electronic format at no cost, or in hard copy for a charge of \$250.00. Contact Ms. Kaycee Widen of the Sussex County Engineering Department, 3rd Floor, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, 2 The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware, telephone 302-855-7370.

Each bid must be accompanied by a bid guarantee equivalent to **ten (10) percent** of the amount of the base bid and all alternates. The bid guarantee may be a certified check, or a bid bond secured by a surety authorized to do business in Delaware. The bid guarantee shall be made payable to Sussex County Council.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on **Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 11:00 AM. EST** in the Sussex County Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, 2 The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware 19947.

Contractors should visit the site to familiarize themselves with the entirety of proposed work. All Contractor questions must be submitted in writing to Ms. Kaycee Widen at kwiden@sussexcountyde.gov no later than five (5) business days prior to bid opening.

If the responding Contractor deems any portion of its response to contain trade secrets, proprietary or other confidential information, it shall isolate and identify in writing the confidential portions, together with a statement in support of its designation as such. The submission shall be confidential until the bid has been awarded and contract executed. Thereafter, all submissions shall be open to public inspection.

State scale wage rates for Building Construction are applicable on this Project.

Sussex County reserves the right to extend the time and place of the bid opening on not less than two (2) calendar days' notice by electronic means to those who have obtained copies of the Contract Documents. Sussex County reserves the right to waive irregularities and reject any or all bids.

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Sussex County Engineer