

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Joaquin County Office of Education of San Joaquin County, California, acting by and through its Superintendent, hereinafter referred to as the "Owner" or "District", will receive prior to **2:00 PM on the Ninth day of May, 2024** sealed bids for the award of a Contract for the following:

BID NO. **2021/22-008-059-059002/3**

ACCESSIBILITY UPGRADES PROJECT AT UNITS C & D AT REDWOOD SCHOOL

All bids shall be made and presented only on the forms presented by the Owner. Bids shall be received in the Office of the **Operations and Support Services at 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, California 95206** and shall be opened and publicly read aloud at the above state time and place. Any bids received after the time specified above or after any extensions due to material changes shall be returned unopened.

The Contract Time is **One Hundred Thirty-Seven (137) days**. Please note that onsite construction work may occur when school is in session between June 3, 2024 and June 28, 2024 and between August 6, 2024 and October 4, 2024. During those times, when school is in session, construction work at Unit "C" shall be limited to outdoor activities.

CONTRACTOR should consult the General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, and General Requirements regarding Milestones and Liquidated Damages.

Miscellaneous Information

There will be a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference at **3:00 PM on April 30, 2024 at Redwood School, 3555 Wilmarth Road, Stockton, CA 95215**. Any Contractor bidding on the Project who fails to attend the entire mandatory job walk and conference will be deemed a non-responsive bidder and will have its bid returned unopened.

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to the California Business and Professions Code, and be licensed to perform the work called for in the Contract Documents. The successful bidder must possess a valid and active Class B License at the time of bid and throughout the duration of this Contract. The Contractor's California State License number shall be clearly stated on the bidder's proposal

Subcontractors shall be licensed pursuant to California law for the trades necessary to perform the Work called for in the Contract Documents.

Prequalification of Bidders: As a condition of bidding for this Project, and in accordance with San Joaquin County Office of Education's procurement regulation AR3311, prospective bidders are required to submit to the County a completed set of prequalification documents on forms provided by the County. These documents will be the basis for determining which bidders are qualified to bid on this Project. Bids will not be accepted if a Contractor has not been prequalified where prequalification is required. Prequalification requirement information is available at the San Joaquin County Office of Education Website at <https://www.sjcoe.org/Operations/Pre-Qualification.aspx>, or at Operations Department, San Joaquin County Office of Education, 2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, California 95206 (209) 468-9061.

Each bid must strictly conform with and be responsive to the Contract Documents as defined in the General Conditions.

In accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 22300, the Owner will permit the substitution of securities for any moneys withheld by the Owner to ensure performance under the Contract.

Prevailing wages are applicable to the Project. These per diem rates, including holiday and overtime work, as well as employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, and similar purposes, are available from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations. Pursuant to California Labor Code Sections 1720 et seq., it shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom the Contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractor under such Contractor, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in the Labor Code, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

The Contractor and all subcontractors shall furnish certified payroll records as required pursuant Labor Code section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissioner in accordance with Labor Code section 1771.4 on at least on a monthly basis (or more frequently if required by the District or the Labor Commissioner) and in a format prescribed by the Labor Commissioner. Monitoring and enforcement of the prevailing wage laws and related requirements will be performed by the Labor Commissioner/ Department of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE).

Separate payment and performance bonds, each in an amount equal to 100% of the total Contract amount issued by a California admitted surety as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, are required, and shall be provided to the Owner prior to execution of the Contract and shall be in the form set forth in the Contract Documents.

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (“DVBE”) is **NOT** a requirement of this project. (Self-funded).

It is each bidder’s sole responsibility to ensure its bid is timely delivered and received at the location designated as specified above. Any bid received at the designated location after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

1. Preparation of Bid Form and Bidding Procedures. Proposals under these specifications shall be submitted on the blank forms furnished herewith including, but not limited to, the forms in the Special Conditions, at the time and place stated in the Notice Calling for Bids. Each bidder shall review and comply with all bidding instructions and requirements set forth in the Special Conditions. All blanks in the Bid Form must be appropriately filled in, and all proposed prices must be stated clearly and legibly in both words and numerals. All bids must be signed by the bidder in permanent ink and submitted in sealed envelopes, bearing on the outside, the bidder's name, address, telephone number, and California Contractor's License number, and the name of the Project for which the bid is submitted. The Owner reserves the right to reject any bid if all of the above information is not furnished. It is each bidder's sole responsibility to ensure its bid is timely delivered and received at the location designated as specified above. Any bid received at the designated location after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

2. Bid Security. Each bid must be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security: (1) cash; (2) a cashier's check made payable to the Owner; (3) a certified check made payable to the Owner; or (4) a bidder's bond executed by a California admitted surety as defined in Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, made payable to the Owner, in the form set forth in the Contract Documents. Such bidder's security must be in an amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the maximum amount of such bidder's bid as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the Contract, if the same is awarded to such bidder, and will provide the required Performance and Payment Bonds, insurance certificates and any other required documents. In the event that a bidder is awarded the Contract and such bidder fails to enter into said Contract or provide the surety bond or bonds within five (5) calendar days after award of the Contract to bidder, said security will be forfeited.

3. Signature. The bid form, all bonds, all designations of subcontractors, the Contractor's Certificate, the Agreement, and all Guarantees must be signed in permanent ink in the name of the bidder and must bear the signature in longhand of the person or persons duly authorized to sign the bid.

If bidder is a corporation, the legal name of the corporation shall first be set forth, together with two signatures: one from the President and one from the Secretary or Assistant Secretary. Alternatively, the signature of other authorized officers or agents may be affixed, if a certified copy of the resolution of the corporate board of directors authorizing them to do so is provided to the Owner. Such documents shall include the title of such signatories below the signature and shall bear the corporate seal.

If bidder is a partnership, the true name of the firm shall first be set forth, together with the names of all persons comprising the partnership or co-partnership. The bid must be signed by all partners comprising the partnership unless proof in the form of a certified copy of a statement of partnership acknowledging the signer to be a general partner is presented to the Owner, in which case the general partner may sign.

Bids submitted as joint ventures must so state and be signed by each joint venturer.

Bids submitted by individuals must be signed by the bidder unless an up to date power-of-attorney is on file in the Owner office, in which case, said person may sign for the individual.

The above rules also apply in the case of the use of a fictitious firm name. In addition, however, where a fictitious name is used, it must be so indicated in the signature.

4. Modifications. Changes in or additions to the bid form, recapitulations of the work bid upon, alternative proposals, or any other modification of the bid form which is not specifically called for in the Contract Documents may result in the Owner's rejection of the bid as not being responsive to the Notice Inviting Bids. **No oral or telephonic modification of any bid submitted will be considered.**

5. Erasures, Inconsistent or Illegible Bids. The bid submitted must not contain any erasures, interlineations, or other corrections unless each such correction creates no inconsistency and is suitably authenticated by affixing in the margin immediately opposite the correction the signature or signatures of the person or persons signing the bid. In the event of inconsistency between words and figures in the bid price, words shall control figures. In the event that the Owner determines that any bid is unintelligible, inconsistent, or ambiguous, the Owner may reject such bid as not being responsive to the Notice Inviting Bids.

6. Examination of Site and Contract Documents. Each bidder shall visit the site of the proposed work and become fully acquainted with the conditions relating to the construction and labor so that the facilities, difficulties, and restrictions attending the execution of the work under the Contract are fully understood. Bidders shall thoroughly examine and be familiar with the drawings, specifications and all others documents and requirements that are attached to and/or contained in the Project Manual. The failure or omission of any bidder to receive or examine any Contract Documents, Special Conditions, form, instrument, addendum, or other document or to visit the site and become acquainted with conditions there existing shall not relieve any bidder from obligations with respect to the bid or to the contract. The submission of a bid shall be taken as prima facie evidence of compliance with this section. Bidders shall not, at any time after submission of the bid, dispute, complain, or assert that there were any misunderstandings with regard to the nature or amount of work to be done.

7. Withdrawal of Bids. Any bid may be withdrawn, either personally or by written request, at any time prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids. The bid security for bids withdrawn prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids, in accordance with this paragraph, shall be returned upon demand therefor.

No bidder may withdraw any bid for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the date set for the opening of bids.

8. Agreements and Bonds. The Agreement form which the successful bidder, as CONTRACTOR, will be required to execute, and the forms and amounts of surety bonds which will be required to be furnished at the time of execution of the Agreement, are included in the bid documents and should be carefully examined by the bidder. The number of executed copies of the Agreement, the Performance Bond, and the Payment Bond required is three (3). Payment and Performance bonds must be executed by an admitted surety insurer as defined in Code of Civil Procedure 995.120.

9. Interpretation of Plans and Documents/Pre-Bid Clarification. If any prospective bidder is in doubt as to the true meaning of any part of the Contract Documents, or finds discrepancies in, or omissions, a written request for an interpretation or correction thereof may be submitted to the Owner. The bidder submitting the request shall be responsible for its prompt delivery. **Any interpretation or correction of the Contract Documents will only be made by Addendum duly issued, and a copy of such Addendum will be made available for each contractor receiving a set of the Contract Documents.** No person is authorized to make any oral interpretation of any provision in the Contract Documents, nor shall any oral interpretation be binding on the Owner. If discrepancies on drawings, specifications or elsewhere in the Contract Documents are not covered by addenda, bidder shall include in their bid methods of construction and materials for the higher quality and complete assembly. Each request for clarification shall be submitted in writing, via email, to only the following persons:

TO: Timothy L. Dearborn, AIA at tim@architechnica.net
CC: Warren Sun, wsun@sjcoe.net
Tim Sutton, tisutton@sjcoe.net

Each transmitted request shall contain the name of the person and/or firm filing the request, address, telephone and fax number, Specifications and/or Drawing number, and document title. Bidder is responsible for the legibility of hand written requests. Pre-bid clarification request shall be filed a minimum of **six (6)** days prior to bid opening. Requests received less than **six (6)** days before bid opening shall not be considered or responded to. A written response to timely pre-bid clarifications requests which materially affects the bidders price will be made by Addendum issued by the County not less than seventy-two (72) hours prior to bid opening.

10. Bidders Interested in More Than One Bid. No person, firm, or corporation shall be allowed to make, or file, or be interested in more than one prime bid for the same work unless alternate bids are specifically called for. A person, firm, or corporation that has submitted a proposal to a bidder, or that has quoted prices of materials to a bidder, is not thereby disqualified from submitting a proposal or quoting prices to other bidders or making a prime proposal.

11. Award of Contract. The Contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive responsible bidder by action of the Superintendent pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents including, but not limited to, the Special Conditions. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding. In the event an award is made to bidder, and such bidder fails or refuses to execute the Contract and provide the required documents within five (5) calendar days after award of the Contract to bidder, the Owner may award the Contract to next lowest responsive and responsive bidder or release all bidders. **Each bid must conform and be responsive to the Contract Documents as defined in the General Conditions.**

12. Bid Protest Procedure. Any bidder may file a bid protest. The protest shall be filed in writing with the County's Division Director for Operations & Support Services, Warren Sun not more than three (3) working days after the date of the bid opening. An e-mail address shall be provided and, by filing the protest, protesting bidder consents to receipt of e-mail notices for purposes of the Protest and Protest related questions and Protest Appeal, if applicable. The protest shall specify the reasons and facts upon which the protest is based.

a. Resolution of Bid Controversy: Once the bid protest is received, the apparent lowest responsible bidder will be notified of the protest and the evidence presented. If appropriate, the apparent low bidder will be given an opportunity to rebut the evidence and present evidence that the apparent low bidder should be allowed to perform the Work. If deemed appropriate by the Owner, an informal hearing will be held. Owner will issue a written decision within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the protest, unless factors beyond the Owner's reasonable control prevent such resolution. The Decision on the Bid Protest will be copied to all parties involved in the protest.

b. Finality. The decision concerning the Bid controversy will be final and not subject to any further Appeals.

c. Failure to comply with this Bid Protest Procedure shall constitute a waiver of the right to protest and shall constitute a failure to exhaust the protesting bidder's administrative remedies.

13. Alternates. If alternate bids are called for, the Contract may be awarded at the election of the Superintendent to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder using the method and procedures outlined in the Notice Inviting Bids and as specified in the section entitled Alternate/Deductive Bid Alternates.

14. Listing Subcontractors. Each bidder shall submit with his bid, on the form furnished with the Contract Documents, a list of the names, license numbers, scopes of work, locations of the places of business, contact information, and Department of Industrial Relations (“DIR”) registration numbers of each subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render service to the bidder in or about the project, or a subcontractor who under subcontract to the bidder, specially fabricates and installs a portion of the work, in an amount in excess of one-half of 1 percent of the bidder’s total bid as required by the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act (Public Contract Code section 4100, et seq.) Pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5, all subcontractors (of any tier) performing work on this Project must be properly registered with DIR.

15. Workers’ Compensation. In accordance with the provisions of Labor Code Section 3700, the successful bidder as the Contractor shall secure payment of compensation to all employees. The Contractor shall sign and file with the Owner the following certificate prior to performing the work under this contract: “I am aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the Labor Code, which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers’ compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and I will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this contract.” The form of such certificate is included as a part of the Bid Package.

16. Contractor’s License. To perform the work required by this notice, the Contractor must possess the Contractor’s License as specified in the Notice Inviting Bids, and the Contractor must maintain the license throughout the duration of the contract. If, at the time of bid, bidder is not licensed to perform the Project in accordance with Division 3, Chapter 9, of the Business and Professions Code for the State of California and the Notice to Contractors calling for bids, such bid will not be considered and the Contractor will forfeit its bid security to the Owner.

17. Preference for Materials and Substitutions.

a. One Product Specified. Unless the Plans and Specifications state that no Substitution is permitted, whenever the Contract Documents indicate any specific article, device, equipment, product, material, fixture, patented process, form, method, construction, or any specific name, make, trade name, or catalog number, with or without the words, “or equal,” such specification shall be read as if the language “or equal” is incorporated.

b. Request for Substitution. See Supplementary General Conditions.

18. Disqualification of Bidders and Proposals. More than one proposal for the same work from any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, or association under the same or different names will not be accepted; and reasonable grounds for believing that any bidder is interested in more than one proposal for the work will be cause for rejecting all proposals in which such bidder is interested and the bidder will forfeit their bid security to the Owner.

19. Unbalanced or Altered Bids. Proposals in which the prices are obviously unbalanced, and those which are incomplete or show any alteration of form, or contain any additions or conditional or alternate bids that are not called for or otherwise permitted, may be rejected. A proposal on which the signature of the bidder has been omitted may be rejected. If, in the District’s sole discretion, it determines any pricing, costs or other information submitted by a bidder may result in an unbalanced bid, the District may deem such bid non-responsive. A bid may be determined by the District to be unbalanced if the bid is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated in relation to cost for other work, and if there is a reasonable doubt that the bid will result in the lowest overall cost to the District even though it may be the low evaluated bid, or if it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advanced payment.

20. Employment of Apprentices. The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall comply with the provisions of California Labor Code including, but not limited to sections 1777.5, 1777.6, and 1777.7 concerning the employment of apprentices. The Contractor and any Subcontractor under him shall comply with the requirements of said sections, including applicable portions of all subsequent amendments in the employment of apprentices; however, the Contractor shall have full responsibility for compliance with said Labor Code sections, for all apprenticeable occupations, regardless of any other contractual or employment relationships alleged to exist.

21. Non-Collusion Declaration. Public Contract Code Section 7106 requires bidders to submit declaration of non-collusion with their bids. This form is included with the bid documents and must be signed and dated by the bidder under penalty of perjury.

22. Wage Rates, Travel and Subsistence.

a. The Contractor and all subcontractors shall comply with the requirements set forth in Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1 of the Labor Code. Pursuant to Labor Code Sections 1770 et. seq., the Owner has obtained from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the contract. Copies are available from the Owner to any interested party on request and are also available from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations. The Contractor shall obtain copies of the above-referenced prevailing wage sheets and post a copy of such wage rates at appropriate, conspicuous, weatherproof points at the Site.

b. Any worker employed to perform work on the Project and such work is not covered by any classification listed in the published general prevailing wage rate determinations or per diem wages determined by the Director of the Department of

Industrial Relations, shall be paid not less than the minimum rate of wages specified therein for the classification which most nearly corresponds to the employment of such person in such classification.

c. Holiday and overtime work, when permitted by law, shall be paid for at the rate set forth in the prevailing wage rate determinations issued by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations or at least one and one-half (1½) times the specified basic rate of per diem wages, plus employer payments, unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents or authorized by law.

d. These per diem rates, including holiday and overtime work, and employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, and similar purposes, are on file at the administrative office of the Owner, located as noted above and are also available from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure the appropriate prevailing rates of per diem wages are paid for each classification. It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom the Contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractor under such Contractor, to pay not less than the said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract.

23. DIR Registration of Contractor and Subcontractors. A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in the Labor Code, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

This Project is a public works project as defined in Labor Code section 1720. Each contractor bidding on this Project and all subcontractors (of any tier) performing any portion of the Work must comply with the Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 and must be properly and currently registered with DIR and qualified to perform public works pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 throughout the duration of the Project. For more information and up to date requirements, contractors are recommended to periodically review the DI's website at www.dir.ca.gov. Contractor shall be solely responsible for ensuring compliance with Labor Code section 1725.5 as well as any requirements implemented by DIR applicable to its services or its subcontractors throughout the term of the Agreement and in no event shall contractor be granted increased payment from the District or any time extensions to complete the Project as a result of contractor's efforts to maintain compliance with the Labor Code or any requirements implemented by the DIR. Failure to comply with these requirements shall be deemed a material breach of this Agreement and grounds for termination for cause. The contractor and all subcontractors shall furnish certified payroll records as required pursuant Labor Code section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissioner in accordance with Labor Code section 1771.4 on at least on a monthly basis (or more frequently if required by the District or the Labor Commissioner) and in a format prescribed by the Labor Commissioner. The District reserves the right to withhold contract payments if the District is notified, or determines as the result of its own investigation, that contractor is in violation of any of the requirements set forth in Labor Code section 1720 et seq. at no penalty or cost to the District. Monitoring and enforcement of the prevailing wage laws and related requirements will be performed by the Labor Commissioner/ Department of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE).

24. No Telephone or Facsimile Availability. No telephone or facsimile machine will be available to bidders on the Owner premises at any time.

25. Obtaining Bidding Documents. Bidding Documents, may be obtained from:

**San Joaquin County Office of Education
Operations & Support Services Department
2707 Transworld Drive, Stockton, CA 95206
Phone: (209) 468-9061 Fax: (209) 468-9102
<https://www.sjcoe.org/Construction/>**

Bidder shall utilize a complete set of Bidding Documents in preparing a bid. The failure or omission of bidder to receive any Bidding Document, form, instrument, Addendum, or other document shall not relieve bidder from any obligations with respect to the bid and/or Contract.

26. Addenda. Clarification or any other notice of a change in the Bidding Documents will be issued only by the Operations & Support Services Department at San Joaquin County Office of Education and only in the form of a written Addendum, transmitted by fax, e-mail, or available for pick up to all who are known by the issuing office to have received a complete set of Bidding Documents. Any other purported Addenda are void and unenforceable.

Bidder is responsible for ascertaining the disposition of all Addenda issued regardless of Owner notification and to acknowledge all Addenda in the submitted sealed bid prior to the bid opening. Copies of Addendum will be made available for inspection wherever Bidding Documents are on file for inspection. Each Addendum will be numbered, dated, and identified with the Project number. Oral statements or any instructions in any form, other than Addendum as described above, shall be void and unenforceable. Any Addendum issued by the Owner and not noted as being acknowledged by bidder as required in the Bid Form, may result in the bid being deemed non-responsive.