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DATE: May 22, 2012

TO: ALL PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

SUBJECT: Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit for Bid VA258-12-B-0294
Corridor Renovation, Bldg 1, WTXVAHCS, Big Spring, TX

1. A Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit was held on May 17, 2012 at 8:00 AM local time at the West Texas VA Health Care System (WTVAHCS) in Big Spring, Texas. Those in attendance are identified on the attached Meeting Sign-In Sheet.

2. Mr. Dan Thelen, the contracting officer for this procurement, discussed the following items during the pre-bid conference (also see attached agenda):

- Due date for bids is currently June 12, 2012, at 2:00 PM local time at the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) in Tucson Arizona. The public bid opening will be in building 45, room 121. Do not deliver your bid to the WTVAHCS. The bid package must contain the completed SF 1442, bid schedule, bid bond, EMR report, and self performance checklist. Do not qualify your bid, or it will be determined nonresponsive. Insure your bid is delivered to the address in the solicitation prior to the time specified.
- Currently there are no amendments to the solicitation. All amendments must be acknowledged with your bid package.
- The project is subject to Availability of Funds.
- The performance period is 180 calendar days for bid item one, 150 calendar days for bid item two, and 120 calendar days for bid item three. The performance period will begin once a notice to proceed is issued.
- The bid acceptance period in 90 calendar days.
- There are three bid items. Bid item one is for all work in the specifications and drawings, and bid items two and three are deductive items. Be sure to submit pricing for all three bid items.
- The government estimate of the project magnitude is between \$250,000 and \$500,000.
- The NAICS code for this procurement is 236220 which has a small business size standard of \$33,500,000.
- This project is set-aside for Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB). The successful bidder must be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), VetBiz, and the Online Representations and Certifications (ORCA) websites. Bidders must be visible in the VetBiz database at the time of the bid opening.
- The NAICS code of 236220 is considered general construction. Therefore, the successful bidder must perform at least 15 percent of the cost of the contract performance incurred

for personnel. This may be the concern's employees or employees of other SDVOSB. See VAAR 852.219-10 in the solicitation for details.

- A bid bond of 20 percent of the bid price, or \$3M, whichever is less is required.
- A performance bond and payment bond will be required within ten calendar days after award of the contract.
- All questions concerning the solicitation must be in writing. Anything stated during this pre-bid conference and site visit is for informational purposes and is not intended to change the project specifications or drawings. Bidders are encouraged to submit their questions in the form of a Request for Information (RFI) to daniel.thelen@va.gov. Bidders are to bid as the specifications and drawings state, unless an Amendment is issued to make changes.

3. Mr. Danny Martin briefed the following topics:

- Mr. Martin briefly covered Safety, Security, and Infection Control procedures for this project. After award of the contract (at the pre-construction meeting) the successful contractor will meet with representatives from each of these areas.
- All contractor personnel working on this project will need to pass a background investigation and apply for a security badge.
- Work will be in patient care areas and work areas will need to be sealed off. Negative air will be required in work areas.
- A safety representative from the WTVAHCS will conduct daily safety inspections of the work site.
- Normal work hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. Work outside these hours must be requested, approved, and scheduled in advance.
- Work is not allowed on Federal holidays.

4. Mr. Martin reviewed the specifications, drawings and intent of the project. Meeting participants then walked the work areas. There was some discussion of the extent of work on the first floor, specifically ceiling work. It was agreed the Government will review the current drawings and provide additional guidance on the extent of work envisioned for the first floor.

5. The site visit was concluded at approximately 10:00 AM. Questions concerning this visit should be directed to the undersigned at daniel.thelen@va.gov or 520-629-4830.



DANIEL B. THELEN
Contracting Officer

Two Attachments:

1. Sign in Sheet
2. Site Visit/Pre-Bid Conference Agenda

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Pre-Bid Conference Site Visit	Date: May 17, 2012	Time: 8:00 AM	
IFB No: VA-258-12-B-0294	Project: Corridor Renovations, Bldg 1		
Name (Printed)	Company	Trade (i.e. General Contractor, Mechanical, Electrical, etc)	Phone Number
Dan Thelen	VA	Contracting Officer	520-629-4830
Barry Cagle	Radford	GC	978-242-5700
ES Dileon	Choctaw	GC	940-692-0099
David Ortiz	Choctaw	GC	432-270-2303
Elias Martinez	GI Construction	GC	915-474-2142
ALAN WARD	AGILE	GC	505-400-8758
ELIAS REYES	VA	COTR	432-263-7361
MANUEL HILARIO	VA	Eng. Tech	" " 7425
Danny Martinez	VA	Eng.	" " 7483

May 17, 2012

**Site Visit /Pre-Bid Conference for Solicitation VA-258-12-B-0294
Corridor Renovations, Bldg 1, WTXVAHCS, Big Spring TX**

- ☒ Introductions - Please complete sign-in sheets
- ☒ Agenda: Review of Solicitation, Specifications, Drawings and visit to site
- ☒ Respectfully request no video or audio taping of this Pre-Bid Site Visit
- Solicitation**
 - ☒ Due date for Bids is June 12, 2012, 2:00 PM Local Time
 - Bid Opening will be at SAVAHCS, Bldg 45, Conference Room 121
 - Bids are to include: SF 1442, Bid Schedule, Bid Bond, EMR Report, & Self Performance Checklist
 - Do not qualify your Bid, otherwise you will be determined Non-Responsive
- ☒ Currently there are no amendments issued. All amendments must be acknowledged.
- ☒ Project is subject to Availability of Funds.
- ☒ Performance Period is 180 Calendar Days after Notice to Proceed.
- ☒ Bid Acceptance Period is 90 Calendar Days.
- ☒ There is 1 bid item, with two deductive bid items.
- ☒ Project Magnitude is between \$250K and \$500K.
- ☒ NAICS code is 236220, with a Small Business size standard of \$33,500,000.
- ☒ Project is set-aside for SDVOSB. Must be registered in CCR, VetBiz, & ORCA
 - *** Bidder MUST be visible in VetBiz at time of Bid Opening
 - *** Insure you are registered under the appropriate NAICS Code
- ☒ Performance of Work by the Contractor is 15% of labor (General Construction)
IAW VAAR 852.219-10, 4.8 (pg 30), para (c)(3)
- ☒ Bid bond of 20 percent of the bid price or \$3M, whichever is less, is required.
- ☒ A Performance Bond and Payment Bond will be required after award.
- ☒ All questions must be in writing. Responses will be posted in an amendment to the solicitation and posted on www.fbo.gov.
- ☒ If Safety, Security, Infection Control, and Industrial Hygienist are not in attendance, brief on their topics.
- ☒ Discuss Specifications & Drawings - Visit the Job Site