

ADVERTISEMENT FOR GENERAL CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION

Subject to conditions prescribed by the University of California, Office of Design & Construction Services, responses to the University's prequalification documents for a Lump-Sum contract are sought from bidders for the following project:

Electrical Infrastructure Renewal Project, Phase 2B
PROJECT NO. FM070090L/986020
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA

The University has determined that bidders who submit bids on this project must be prequalified. Prequalified bidders will be required to have the following California contractor's license:

General Engineering - License Code A.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

Phase 2B of the Electrical Infrastructure Renewal Project will complete the conversion of the Universities electrical distribution system(s) to 12.47kV as previously started in Phase 1 and 2A. Phase 2B will install a new distribution circuit "Housing/Auxillary" and finish building additions to the "Central Academic" feeder, which was installed in Phase 2A. The circuit(s) will be routed via existing underground conduits where possible. Several new sections of underground conduits and manholes will be installed to help facilitate the most efficient routing of the electrical system. The new conduit system will be comprised of (6) 5", schedule 40, PVC conduits. The assembly will be concrete encased with red dye and have a minimum depth from the top of the assembly of 3 feet. A total of 30 buildings will be converted to the new system under this phase. The buildings will have a new high voltage switch, service conductor and main transformer(s) installed. A dedicated fiber optic loop will also be routed with the distribution feeder(s) and will connect at each switch location. This phase will also include the installation of a second 66/12.47kV, 22MVA substation class transformer, associated concrete pads, connection to Southern California Edison's 66kV system, associated 12.47kV "H" frame structure and cabling to the Universities 12.47kV switchgear building. Construction costs for this phase is approximately \$5,000,000.00.

PREQUALIFICATION PROCEDURE

On Thursday, September 28, 2006 prequalification documents will be available to intending bidders electronically. For a copy of the Prequalification Statement and documentation, see our home page: <http://facilities.ucsb.edu/> under section: Contracts, Requests for Qualifications and Prequalifications.

On or before 4:00 PM, Wednesday, October 25, 2006, completed prequalification documents will be received at:

Contracting Services
Facilities Management, Building 439
University of California, Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, California 93106

General Contractor prequalification submittals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes marked on the outside, "General Contractor Prequalification Documents – Electrical Infrastructure Renewal-Phase 2B

No prequalification documents will be accepted after 4:00 P.M, Wednesday, October 25, 2006. However, the University reserves the right to request, receive and evaluate supplemental information after the above time and date at its sole determination.

Bidders will be notified whether or not they are prequalified.

A bidder who passes the pre-established rating system will be allowed to take out bidding documents and will be allowed to submit bids for the project. A bidder who fails will be excluded from submitting a bid.

The Requirements for prequalification are:

1. General Engineering, Code "A" license current and in good standing.
2. Construction experience on four comparable projects greater than \$2.5Million.
3. Financing of \$2,000,000.00 working capital available.
4. Current workers' compensation experience factor less than 1.
5. Claim recovery rate above 33%, recovery rate on claims against contractor below 67%, and claims frequency below 33%.
6. Bonding capacity in excess of \$2,800,000.00
7. Meet project insurance requirements.
8. No active university or public agency disqualifications.

Following is the anticipated bidding schedule:

1. Bidding Documents available to prequalified bidders –December 2006
2. Bids received –January 2007
3. Issue Notice to Proceed –February 2007

The exact dates, times, and locations will be set forth in an "Announcement to Prequalified Bidders."

The evaluation is solely for the purpose of determining, in a timely manner, bidders who are deemed qualified for successful performance of the type of work included in this project. The contract will be awarded to the prequalified bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid.

University of California reserves the right to reject any or all responses to Prequalification Questionnaires and any or all bids and to waive non-material irregularities in any response or bid received.

Bid security in the amount of 10% of the lump sum base bid, excluding alternates, shall accompany each bid. The surety issuing the Bid Bond shall be, on the bid deadline, listed in the latest State of California, Department of Insurance, list of "Insurer's Admitted to Transact Surety Insurance in This State."

All insurance policies required to be obtained by Contractor shall be subject to approval by University for form and substance. All such policies shall be issued by a company which is listed by Best and shall have a rating of A- or better and a financial classification of VIII or better or have equivalent ratings by Standard and Poors or Moody. The Certificate of Insurance shall be issued on the University's form.

Prospective bidders desiring to be prequalified are informed that they will be subject to and must fully comply with all of the bid conditions including 100% payment and 100% performance bonds.

The successful Bidder and its Subcontractors will be required to follow the nondiscrimination requirements set forth in the Bidding Documents and to pay prevailing wage rates at the location of the Work. A copy of the general prevailing per diem wage rates will be on file at University's principal Facilities office and will be made available to any interested party upon request. For this project, the University has initiated and shall enforce a labor compliance program ("LCP") in conformance with Labor Code sections 1771.5(b) and 1771.7. A preconstruction conference will be held with the successful Bidder and its Subcontractors to discuss federal and state labor law requirements to this project.

All information submitted for prequalification evaluation will be considered official information acquired in confidence and the University will maintain its confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

Advertisement Dates: 9/28/2006; 10/5/2006