

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Vermilion Parish School Board (herein referred to as the Owner), either online at www.centralbidding.com or at the School Board Curriculum Office Building, 220 South Jefferson Street, Abbeville, Louisiana 70510 until 3:00 PM, Wednesday October 10, 2012, for:

**VERMILION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-DISASTER RECOVERY
NORTH VERMILION MIDDLE SCHOOL**

VPSB Bid No. 2012.545

at which time the bids will be publically opened and read aloud. Bids must be submitted on the proper Bid Form. Each Bid shall either be submitted online or be enclosed in a sealed envelope showing the name, address and license number of the Bidder in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Any Bids received after the specified time and date will not be considered.

A Pre-bid Conference will be held at the Project Site at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 25, 2012. Please meet outside at the School's Main Entrance Canopy in order to be escorted to the meeting location. All interested Contractors, Subcontractors and Major Material Suppliers are encouraged to attend.

BASE BID:

The Project consists of the Construction of a new approximate 46,000 square foot multiple building Middle School Facility on the campus of the existing North Vermilion High School, located at 11609 Louisiana Highway 699, Maurice, Louisiana in rural Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. Buildings include Building A, 4,130 Square Foot Administration Building, Building B/C, 28,655 Square Foot Academic Classroom Building, and Building D, 14,620 Square Foot Gymnasium Building. The project includes the demolition of existing structures and site improvements necessary to facilitate the planned additional buildings. Also included is new Site Paving (Concrete and Limestone Aggregate Paving) as well as Site Storm Drainage, Site Utilities and other necessary Building and Site Improvements. The Project must be constructed in multiple phases as more clearly defined in the Construction Document Plans and Specifications.

ADDITIVE ALTERNATES:

Alternate No. 1: Provide all labor and materials as required to complete the work as indicated on the Drawings and/or Specifications to be bid as part of Alternate No. 1: Construction of Building E, 3,890 Square Foot Band Building (attached to Building D)

Alternate No. 2: Provide all labor and materials as required to complete the work as indicated on the Drawings and/or Specifications to be bid as part of Alternate No. 2: Construction of additional length of Covered Walkway Canopies.

Alternate No. 3: Provide all labor and materials as required to complete the work as indicated on the Drawings and/or Specifications to be bid as part of Alternate No. 3: The relocation of four (4) existing Modular Classroom Buildings.

The project is receiving construction grant assistance from the Louisiana Division of Administration, Disaster Recovery Unit, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Prospective bidders are advised that technical assistance with forms is available from the Office of Community Development, Disaster Recovery Unit, telephone number (225) 219-9600, Louisiana Division of Administration, State Office Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Attention of Bidders is called particularly to the requirements for conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract, Section 3, Segregated Facilities, Section 109, Executive Order 11246, and all applicable laws and regulations of the federal government and State of Louisiana and bonding and insurance requirements.

All contractors and subcontractors will be required to comply with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act pertaining to the minimum wage rates, the Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours Standards Act and the Local Public Works Payroll Evaluation Program.

All contractors and subcontractors will be required to certify that they do not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any facilities that are segregated on a basis of race, color, creed, or national origin.

Minority, female-owned, and Section 3 contracting firms are encouraged to submit bids.

In particular, bidders should note the required attachments and certifications to be executed and submitted with the Bid Proposal.

The Contractor and all Subcontractors selected to complete the project shall be exempt from the payment of Louisiana State and local sales and use taxes pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes as more fully described in the Contract Documents.

The Contractor shall obtain, maintain during the life of the project, and provide to the Owner copies of the following bonds and policies which shall be obtained from surety companies, which appear on the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Circular 570, licensed to do business in the State of Louisiana, in the amounts and for the purpose stated, and subject to the Owner's approval:

1. *Bid Bond:* A "Bid Guarantee" equivalent to 5% of the bid price consisting of a firm commitment, such as a bid bond, certified check, cashier's check, money order or other negotiable instrument, shall accompany each bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of his bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required and within the time specified.
2. *Performance Bond:* A performance bond of not less than 100% of the contract price shall be executed to assure the Contractor's faithful performance of the contract.
3. *Payment Bond:* A payment bond of not less than 100% of the contract price shall be executed to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the performance of the work provided by the contract.

The contract documents, consisting of the Advertisement for Bidders, Information for Bidders, General Conditions, Supplemental General Conditions, Technical Specifications, CDBG Compliance Provisions for Construction Contracts, Bid Bond and Contract Documents, the Construction Plans, and any published Addenda may be examined on all business days at the following locations during the specified hours:

1. *The Sellers Group, A Professional Corporation*, 147 Easy St., Lafayette, La. 70506-3011
Monday - Thursday: 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.
2. Online at www.centralbidding.com

Complete Bidding Documents for this project are being distributed in electronic form on behalf of the Designer by Letterman's. They may be viewed and obtained without charge and without deposit from the Public Plan Room at www.lettermansdigitalvault.com. Printed copies are not available from the Designer but arrangements can be made to obtain them through most reprographic firms. Plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. Reproduction cost on the first paper set of Plans and Specifications acquired by bona fide prime bidders will be fully refunded by the Architect upon delivery of the documents (full set of plans and specifications) and printing invoice to the Architect in good condition no later than ten days after receipt of the bids.

All other plan holders are responsible for their own reproduction costs. Questions about this procedure and requests for a list of plan holders shall be directed to Letterman's: Letterman's Blue Print & Supply Co., 114 Jomela Street, Lafayette, LA 70501. Phone: 337-232-9140, Fax: 337-232-9945. Email: laf.production@lettermans.com

Other questions about the project shall be directed to the Designer: Eugene M. Sellers, Jr., Architect The Sellers Group, APC, 147 Easy Street, Lafayette, LA 70506. Phone: 337-232-0778, Fax: 337-232-6268. Email: ems@tsgarchitecture.com

Contractors or contracting firms submitting bids in the amount of \$50,000 or more shall certify that they are licensed contractors under Chapter 24 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and show their license number on the front of the sealed envelope in which their bid is enclosed. Contractors shall be licensed for the classification of **Building Construction**. Bids in the amount of \$50,000 or more, not submitted in accordance with this requirement, shall be rejected and shall not be read. Additional information relative to licensing may be obtained from the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least forty-five (45) calendar days after the time scheduled for the opening of bids except as provided by Law. Each bid shall be submitted only on the Louisiana Uniform Public Work Bid Form.

Any person with disabilities requiring special accommodations must contact the Vermilion Parish School Board no later than seven (7) days prior to bid opening.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. Such actions will be in accordance with LA. R.S. 38:2214. In accordance with LA. R.S. 38:2212, the provisions and requirements of this section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be waived by any public entity.

By order of the Vermilion Parish School Board.

ATTEST: s/Randy Schexnayder
Superintendent

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