

ADVERTISEMENT FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS TO PRE-QUALIFY

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida

INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY FOR SBAC A1904

Westwood Middle School Redesign and Redevelopment

INVITATION TO BIDDERS TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE PROJECT

The School Board of Alachua County, Florida announces that a **MANDATORY PRE-QUALIFICATION** meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, May 11, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. at the Sivia Center, 3700 NE 53rd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida, room 01-014** to pre-qualify bidders for Westwood Middle School Redesign and Redevelopment, Gainesville, Florida. All bidders wishing to bid on this project shall attend the **MANDATORY PRE-QUALIFICATION** meeting to become qualified to bid on this project. Complete general contracting services only are sought. All information required for submission and the due date for submissions will be provided at this meeting. No questions will be answered on site. All questions must be directed to the architect in writing.

NOTE: Only one company representative will be allowed in the meeting due to COVID.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The scope of work includes: General, Demolition & Abatement, Site, Mechanical, Plumbing, Electrical, Structural, and Roofing. The scope includes the demolition of 13 buildings, new construction of a 2-story classroom and a technology/fine arts building, and remodeling and modernization of the remaining 4 buildings.

PROJECT SCHEDULE/BUDGET:

Project construction budget can change at the discretion of the Board.

Bid documents are anticipated to be available late July, early August, 2022. The bid period is to be determined. Construction is scheduled to begin in January, 2023. The contract time is 16 consecutive calendar months.

BID GUARANTEE AT ACTUAL SUBMISSION OF BID:

Bid Bond, Certified Check, or Cashier's Check for not less than 5% of bid made payable to "The School Board of Alachua County, Florida". A Protest Bond in the amount of \$20,000 will be required.

PURPOSE OF PREQUALIFYING BIDDERS:

The purpose of prequalifying bidders is to ensure that appropriate standards of ability, experience, performance and financial integrity will be met. Potential bidders will be comparatively judged on the basis of, but not limited to, financial criteria, organization of personnel, completion of work similar in scope, and timely performance and quality of work previously completed.

PREQUALIFYING PROCESS AND SELECTION OF BIDDERS:

The prequalification process will consist of two separate and distinct steps. The first step consists of the submission of all required information. Any bidder who fails to submit the required information and documentation on time, will not proceed to the second step. The second step will consist of an interview with, and an evaluation of each of the potential bidders.

At the end of step two, an approximate number of up to seven of the best qualified bidders from those submissions received, will be selected by the Owner. The list of prequalified bidders will be notified. Only those prequalified bidders appearing on the list will be allowed to submit bids.

Prequalified bidders will be contacted and provided information detailing how to examine and obtain copies of all bid documents.

NOTE: **ALL** construction personnel who will be working on School Board of Alachua County property as part of this project are required by Florida law, F.S. 1012.465, to meet Level 2 criminal background screening requirement.

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By: Shane L. Andrew, Interim Superintendent

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