

INVITATION TO BID

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATE LABORATORY 395 WEST STREET ROCKY HILL, CT 06067

You are hereby invited to submit bid proposals for one or more of the Bid Packages listed below to construct **The Department of Public Health State Laboratory at 395 West St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067** with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction of the project shall apply to the Contract throughout.

The following are dates for the bidding processes (for all work outlined in the Contract Documents):

Documents availability: December 21, 2009 at Joseph Merritt & Company – Hartford Office
Pre-Bid Conferences: Group A: 1/6/10 @ 9 A.M. @ Site
Group B: 1/7/10 @ 9 A.M.
Group C: 1/7/10 @ 2 P.M.
Group D: 1/8/10 @ 9 A.M.
Group E: 1/8/10 @ 2 P.M.

Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference Is NOT Mandatory, but is highly recommended

Bid Submission Deadline: February 2, 2010
Group A: 10 A.M.
Group B: 11 A.M.
Group C: 12 P.M.
Group D: 1 P.M.
Group E: 2 P.M.

Anticipated Construction Start Date: May 2010
Expected Project Substantial Completion Date: January 2012

Sealed Bid Proposals will be accepted for the following Bid Packages:

Group A **01A Temporary Construction Fence**
 26A Site Electrical (including temp electrical for trailers)
 31A Site Clearing, Mass Excavation, Grading, Paving & Site Utilities

Group B **03A Cast-in-place Concrete**
 03B Concrete Metal Decks & House Keeping Pads
 04A Masonry & Precast Architectural Concrete
 05A Structural Steel
 05B Miscellaneous and Ornamental Metals
 07A Roofing, Waterproofing & Flashing
 07B Metal Panels / Roof Screens / Louvers
 08A Curtain Wall System
 09A Carpentry, Drywall, & Ceilings

Group C **14A Elevators**
 21A Fire Protection Systems
 22A Plumbing / Process Equipment
 23A Mechanical Piping & Equipment
 23B Mechanical Sheetmetal
 23C Building Automation System
 23D Testing & Balancing
 26B Building Electrical
 28A Security

Group D **01B Final Cleaning**
 06A Millwork
 07C Fireproofing (incl. intumescent)
 08B Overhead Doors

Group E **09B Resilient & Cork Flooring & Base / VCT / Carpet**
 09C Resinous Flooring
 09D Painting / Traffic Coatings
 10A Metal Lockers & Toilet Accessories
 10B Signage & Graphics
 11A Steam Sterilizers & BioSafety Cabinets
 11B Loading Dock Equipment
 12A Casework
 12B Window Treatments
 13A Controlled Environment Rooms
 32A Landscaping

Pre-Bid Conferences shall be held at:

All Group "A" packages will meet on site 1/6/10 (DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC HEALTH STATE LABORATORY at 395 WEST STREET, ROCKY HILL, CT 06067)

All Group "B" – "E" packages will meet at the WT field trailer on 1/7/10 – 1/9/10 (WHITING-TURNER FIELD OFFICE, 60 ARCH STREET, HARTFORD 06103)

All specific times are as noted above.

All bids must be submitted in **duplicate** without exceptions, modification and/or qualifications to the bid documents and placed **in a sealed envelope** marked as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATE LABORATORY
395 WEST STREET
ROCKY HILL, CT 06067

Bid Package No. _____

Oral/telephone, electronic (emailed), or facsimile bids will not be accepted nor considered.

Bids will be received and accepted until **each time as indicated above by group Eastern Standard Time on 2/2/2010 at WHITING-TURNER FIELD OFFICE, 60 ARCH STREET, HARTFORD 06103**. Bids received after the time indicated above will not be considered and will be returned unopened. **Bids will be publicly opened** and read aloud at approximately 30 - 60 minutes after the Bid receipt time stated above at **WHITING-TURNER FIELD OFFICE, 60 ARCH STREET, HARTFORD 06103**.

After the Bids have been reviewed for conformance with the bid documents, the apparent and qualified low bidder shall be notified to arrange a meeting to review the Scope of Work and Contract requirements.

If applicable any Bidder may elect to submit a Bid Proposal combining a number of Bid Packages if the amount of the bid Proposal offers the Department of Public Health a cost reduction. This combined Bid Packaged "Offer" will be valid only if the Bidder submits an individual offer for each package involved. Bidders may offer this combined package proposal by noting the credit in Exhibit G, Voluntary Alternatives, of the Bid Form.

Contract Documents: have been prepared by **FLAD Architects, 1 Atlantic St. #304, Stamford, CT 06901-2482** and shall be on file and available at the locations listed below on or about **12/21/09**:

The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company
60 Arch Street
Hartford, CT 06103
(860) 524-8363

Joseph Merritt & Company
650 Franklin Ave.
Hartford, CT 06114
(800) 344-4477

Contract documents may be obtained by submitting a written request directly to **Joseph Merritt & Company, 650 Franklin Ave., Hartford, CT 06114** with a **Copy to Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, 60 Arch Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 06103, Attention: Mr. William J. Wahl Jr.** accompanied by a non-refundable payment of (expected to be) **\$450.00** to Joseph Merritt. Payments for all bid documents shall be made directly to the **Joseph Merritt & Company**.

Upon receipt of your request and payment, the printer listed above shall prepare a complete set of documents. Arrangements for the pick up of documents shall be made directly through the printer. Documents shall be mailed only at the request and cost of the bidder.

Attention is called to the following:

- 1.) **Instruction to Bidders'**: The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company Instructions to Bidders' must be followed in all respects.
- 2.) **Prevailing Wages**: No less than the State of Connecticut Department of Labor prevailing minimum salaries and wages as listed in the Project Manual shall be paid on this project. Certified payrolls shall be required and submitted weekly on the form provided in the Project Manual. Additionally the Contractor shall submit Monthly Employment Utilization Reports to the Construction Manager concurrent with the Applications and Certifications for Payment and comply with project's minority participation requirements.
- 3.) **Equal Employment Opportunity/Non-Discrimination**: Attention of bidders is called to the applicable State and Federal requirements for ensuring that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religious creed, age, marital status, sexual preference, national origin, ancestry, sex, mental retardation or physical disability. The Contractor agrees and warrants that in the contract such contractor will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group or persons on the grounds of sexual orientation, in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States or the State of Connecticut, and that employees are employed without regard to their sexual orientation. The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, age, physical disability, religion, or national origin.
- 4.) **Equal Opportunities/Affirmative Action Regulations**: Contractors will be required to comply with the contractual/sub-contractual requirements prescribed for S/MBE participation as illustrated within the Bid Documents.
- 5.) **Performance Bonds**: As required by the bid/contract documents
- 6.) **Payment Bonds**: As required by the bid/contract documents
- 7.) **Bid Withdrawals**: All bids will be considered valid for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days. No bidder may withdraw their bid during that period. The successful bidder will be selected within one hundred twenty (120) days of Bid Opening.
- 8.) **Taxes**: Bidders shall not include Federal Excise Taxes or State of Connecticut Sales Taxes in accordance with the provided tax exemption certificate, included within bid documents.
- 9.) **Right to Reject**: The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities, irregularities, or technical defects in the Bids.
- 10.) **Subcontract Agreement**: The successful bidder shall be required to sign The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company 'Subcontract Agreement' contained within the bidding documents, without exceptions modifications and/or qualifications.
- 11.) **Disbarment**: Bids from contractors on the State of Connecticut or Federal Disbarment list(s) will not be considered.
- 12.) The following documents shall also be submitted (**in duplicate**) along with the Bid Proposal and completed in their entirety:
 - Form of Proposal and Subcontract, inclusive of exhibits
 - Bid bond or security as defined within the bid documents
 - Statement of Bidders Qualifications with Department of Administrative Services (DAS) "Contractor Prequalification Certificate: and "Update Statement"

THE WHITING-TURNER CONTRACTING COMPANY IS AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER