

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids are requested by Gwinnett County Board of Education from general contractors for construction of:

SOUTH CLUSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Bids will be received by the Gwinnett County Board of Education, at 53 Gwinnett Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045, in the Building C, Conference Room at:

3:00 PM, LOCAL TIME, Tuesday, July 15, 2008.

at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Address the bid envelope to the attention of Mr. Terry Gladden, Director of Facility Planning, Gwinnett County Board of Education.

Phones will not be available for use by bidders. Fax transmittals and e-mails of bid form/proposal shall not be accepted by the Owner.

A copy of the bidding documents, including drawings and project manuals, shall be available for review only at the office of the Architect, the offices of the Gwinnett County Board of Education at 53 Gwinnett Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30045, Building C, and the following plan rooms:

F.W. Dodge Plans Room/ McGraw Hill
4170 Ashford Dunwoody Road, NE
Suite 200
Atlanta, Georgia 30319
404-255-2565
404-843-4788 (Fax)

CAD Media, Inc.
300 Petty Road – Suite E
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30043
770-682-1658
770-682-9358 (Fax)

AGC - Builders Exchange Plan Room
1940 The Exchange
Suite 300
Atlanta, Georgia 30339
678-298-4130
678-298-4134 (Fax)

LDI Reproprinting Center
128 Buford Drive NE
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30045
770-237-9363

Reed Construction Data
(Formerly Construction Market Data)
Document Processing Center
30 Technology Parkway, South
Suite 500
Norcross, Georgia 30092-2912
770-417-4000
800-303-8629
770-849-6475 (Fax)

AGC Plan Room
C/O Gainesville Whiteprint
312 Bradford Street
Gainesville, Georgia 30501
770-536-8254
770-534-3174 (Fax)

D.E.C. INTERNATIONAL
1503 Johnson Ferry Road
Suite 50
Marietta, Georgia 30062
770-578-0025
770-578-0249 (Fax)

All Bidders must submit AIA Document A305, Contractors Qualification Statement, to be evaluated by the Owner and Architect, along with the bid set payment prior to being issued plans and specifications. Bidders who do not submit the AIA A305 will be subject to disqualification. The AIA A305 must show the Contractor's ability to complete the Contract in a satisfactory manner on projects of similar scope and complexity.

References from past clients and projects must be included and will be verified. As part of the prequalification process, a **mandatory pre-bid conference** will be held on **July 1, 2008 at 10:00 AM** at the Facility and Operations conference room in Building C, 53 Gwinnett Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia. Failure to attend the pre-bid conference will result in disqualification of the Bidder. Any Bidder may be required, at the discretion of the Owner, to furnish evidence satisfactory to the Owner, that the proposed subcontractors have sufficient means and experience in the types of work called for to assure completion of the contract in a satisfactory manner. Any Bidder that is disqualified may respond to the Owner in writing within 20 days of the Notice of Disqualification as to why the Bidder feels that the disqualification is unfounded. The written appeal from the disqualified Bidder will not change the decision already made on this project. However, a favorable appeal may open the way for the Bidder in question to bid on future Gwinnett County Public School projects. In any case, the Owner's decisions shall be deemed final.

Bid Documents will be issued by:

**The Architect: Chapman Griffin Lanier Sussenbach Architects, Inc.
2500 Cumberland Parkway
Suite 350
Atlanta, Georgia 30339
(404) 733-5493**

to all interested parties upon receipt of a request, AIA A305 and accompanied by a non-refundable check made payable to the issuing party above in the amount of:

\$250.00 per set.

Bid documents will be delivered or shipped post paid, as soon as possible.

Contract, if awarded, will be on the basis stated in the Instructions to Bidders. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after bid opening.

Bids must be accompanied by a bid bond made payable to the Gwinnett County Board of Education, in the amount equal to 5 percent of the bid price. (Certified or Personal Checks Not Acceptable.) The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond acceptable to the Gwinnett County Board of Education in an amount equal to 100 percent of the contract price and executed by a Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed in the Department of the Treasury Circular 570, latest edition. **The Surety Company shall have an A.M. Best Company minimum rating of "A" with a financial size of VI "6" or better.** Bonds must be accompanied by letter stating bonding company's current rating for verification prior to acceptance by the Owner and execution of the formal Owner/Contractor agreement.

Bonding of Subcontractors: Include in the Base Bid, Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bonds, each in 100% of the subcontract sum, for each Subcontractor having a contract of \$50,000.00 or more for Roofing, HVAC, Plumbing, Sprinkler System, Structural Steel Fabricators, Structural Steel Erectors and Electrical Work, as required by the General Conditions. The General Contractor cannot change major subcontractors after bid.

Contractor and Subcontractor shall require the Attorney-in-Fact who executes bonds on behalf of sureties to attach a certified, current copy of his Power of Attorney.

The Gwinnett County Board of Education reserves the right to award the project on whatever basis is in the interest of the Owner and to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities.

OWNER: GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
J. ALVIN WILBANKS, CEO/SUPERINTENDENT