

CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITION AND ALTERATIONS TO CORLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FOR GWINNETT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA.

Sealed lump sum proposals from bidders will be received by the Gwinnett County Board of Education, Conference Room, Building "C", 53 Gwinnett Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30245 until **3:00 p.m.**, local time, on **October 11, 2005** at which time and place all proposals received will be opened and read aloud. Proposals received after the above time is called will be returned. No phones will be available.

Contract, if awarded, will be on a stipulated sum basis. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of receipt of bids. Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond payable to Gwinnett County Board of Education in an amount equal to five percent of the base bid (Certified Checks NOT Acceptable). Performance Bond and Labor and Material Payment Bond, each amount equal to 100 percent of the contract sum, will be required of the successful bidder. These bonds shall be executed by a Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia, be listed on "Department of The Treasury Circular 570" and have an A. M. Best Company rating of at least Class "A", with a Financial Size of VI or better. Bonds must be accompanied by letter stating company's current rating for verification prior to acceptance by the Owner and execution of the formal Owner/Contractor agreement.

Subcontractor Bonds:

The following Subcontractors will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bond, each equal to 100% of their respective subcontracts: **Roofing, Plumbing, Mechanical (HVAC), Sprinkler and Electrical Subcontractors.**

The Owner will make progress payments to the successful contractor upon receipt of request for payment having been certified by the Architect as fully covered and shown in Contract Documents.

Contract documents may be examined at the office of the Chief Operations Officer for Facilities and Operations, 53 Gwinnett Drive, Lawrenceville, GA; in the office of the Architect; F. W. Dodge Corporation, Atlanta, GA; AGC Builders Exchange, Atlanta, GA; Reed Construction Data, Norcross, GA; DEC International, Inc., Marietta, GA; Gainesville Whiteprint, Gainesville, GA; or LDI Reproductions, Lawrenceville, GA.

Bidding documents may be obtained at the office of the Architect, Cunningham, Forehand, Matthews & Moore, Architects, Inc., 2011 Manchester St., Atlanta, Ga. 30324. Applications for documents, together with deposit of \$175.00 per set, and the Contractor's completed, current AIA document A305, should be filed promptly with the Architect. Bidding material will be forwarded as soon as possible, following receipt of deposit. The full amount of deposit for one set will be refunded to each General Contractor who submits a bona fide bid, upon return of such set to the Architect in good condition within fifteen (15) days after date of opening of bids. All other deposits will be refunded with deductions approximating the cost of reproduction of documents, upon return of same in good condition to the Architect within fifteen (15) days after date of opening bids.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE:

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Gwinnett County Board of Education, Conference Room, Building "C", 53 Gwinnett Drive, Lawrenceville, Georgia 30245 at **10:00 a.m.**, local time, on **September 29, 2005**. All Bidders shall submit AIA Document A305 Contractor's Qualifications Statement along with the bid deposit prior to receiving plans and specifications. 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.

Bidders who do not submit the AIA A305 will be subject to disqualification.

All Bidders shall attend the Pre-Bid Conference. FAILURE TO ATTEND SHALL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE BIDDER.

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 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 System projects.

No new Bidders will be added following the Pre-Bid Conference.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informalities in bidding, and to award a contract for any part of the work, or the job as a whole.

Fees: The Owner will pay for all Building Permit Fees, Sewer Impact Fees, Water Tap Fees, and Water Meter Fees. Costs for temporary water, gas, telephone, power services and Permit Inspection Fees will be paid for by the Contractor. The Owner will pay for utility costs starting on the date of Substantial Completion.