



Solicitation Amendment No. 1

To: Prospective Bidder/Offeror:		Date:	
Prospective Bidders		October 5, 2020	
Project Title:		Project No.:	
West Houston Campus Expansion		IFB 21-01	
<p>Description of Solicitation Amendment: Invitation for Bid (Project No. IFB 21-01) is hereby amended as set forth below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Page No. 2 of 44, Solicitation Schedule has changed, accordingly; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bid Submittal Due Date and Time: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 by 2:00 p.m. local time. Add-Deduct Alternates Bid Price List: Shall be delivered in person by, Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 3:00pm and shall be placed in a separate sealed envelope and label as follows: Add-Deduct Alternates Bid Price List, Project Number, Title and Vendor Name. SBE Documentation: Shall be e-mailed to Art Lopez, Buyer of Record by Thursday, October 15, 2020, 2:00pm. Page No. 7 of 44, Scope of Work, has changed, accordingly; The project consists of constructing a new 70,000 125,000 square foot, three-story tilt wall building for the HCC Northwest College. Questions and Answers and Engineer's Addendum No. 1, are released and are attached. <p>Please visit our website at https://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/procurement/</p> <p>Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the solicitation remain unchanged and in full force and effect.</p>			
Acknowledgement of Amendment No. by:		Date:	
Company Name (Bidder/Offerer):			
Signed by:			
Name (Type or Print):		Title:	

INVITATION FOR BID
PROJECT NO. IFB 21-01
WEST HOUSTON CAMPUS EXPANSION
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS No. 1

Date: October 5, 2020

To: Prospective Bidders

From: Procurement Operations Department, Houston Community College

Subject: Questions and Answers Responses

Q1. Does all the documentation for the SBE portion of the project have to be submitted at 2:00 p.m. with base bid?

Response: Please refer to Solicitation Amendment No.1

Q2. Does pricing for the alternates have to be submitted at 2:00 p.m. with base bid?

Response: Please refer to Solicitation Amendment No.1

Q3. Is this project a Prevailing Wage Rate project?

Response: Yes.

Q4. What goes inside the envelope that's separate from the rest of the proposal? Just the bid form and alternates form?

Response: Correct. Please place Price Proposal in a separate sealed envelope and label as follows: Price Proposal, Project number and title.

Q5. There is an ENR section on page 8 – where would you like this information? With the proposal or in the envelope with bid form?

Response: Please do not include in envelope, place with the proposal.

Q6. Exhibits 2 to attachment No. 5 - there is not a place to sign – Do I need to include this on my submission?

Response: No.

Q7. Do any of the Exhibits 1-4, the Sample Performance Bond and Sample Payment Bond need to be include in the submission?

Response: Exhibit 1, List of Add-Delete Alternates does need to be completed and returned. Exhibits Nos. 2, 3 & 4 are sample documents and do not need to be returned.

Q8. Due date on Bid schedule is Tuesday October 14th 2020. The 14th is a Wednesday, please clarify?

Response: Refer to Solicitation Amendment No. 1.

Q9. Is the electronic version to be submitted on a USB with hard copy to your email?

Response: Yes, insert the USB electronic version in your bid response packet.

Q10. Please provide the point system by which the Bid qualifications will be evaluated, if any.

Response: This is an Invitation for Bid and no scoring is involved.

Q11. Is there any GC financial documentation due at the time of bid other than the statement from the Company's president certifying the firm is in good condition?

Response: No.

Q12. What is the anticipated HCC given Start and Substantial completion dates for this project?

Response: The anticipated start is January 2021. The substantial completion date will be based on the project duration provided by the Contractor in the bid response.

Q13. What is the HCC project duration?

Response: The Contractor will provide the project duration in their bid response.

Q14. Is it possible to have alternates due an hour (or two hours) after the base bid? This is a lot of information to obtain prior to the bid time for a competitive bid, and we usually do not receive some trades bids until 5-10 minutes prior to bid date / time.

Response: Please refer to Solicitation Amendment No.1

Q15. Is it possible to have the SBE plan provided 24 hours after the bid? There is a lot of information required based on subcontractor selection and as noted below, we will not receive many bids in this delivery type until minutes prior to needing to turn in our bid.

Response: Please refer to Solicitation Amendment No.1

Q16. Can the grading criteria for the award be shared?

Response: This is an Invitation for Bid and no scoring is involved.

Q17. On page 14, under "4. Bidder Response – General" are these the sections you would like to see on the table of contents?

- (i) Your firm's total capacity and capabilities;
- (ii) Your firm's qualification to perform work;
- (iii) Your ability to perform the services outlined in the Scope of Work;
- (iv) Your understanding of HCC;
- (v) What differentiates you from you competitors?

Response: Reference Section 4(d): Table of Contents should be in sufficient detail to facilitate easy reference of the sections of the bid as well as separate attachments.

Q18. Who is to provide Builder's Risk? What is the deductible and who is responsible for the deductible?

Response: Builder's Risk Insurance shall be paid by the Contractor.

Q19. When is the projected completion date?

Response: The Contractor will provide the project duration in their bid response to establish the project completion date.

Q20. Is Union Labor required for this project?

Response: No.

Q21. Is waste disposal provided by the General Contractor?

Response: Yes.

Q22. How many days a week will the jobsite be open? Please specify the days.

Response: Seven days a week, Monday through Sunday.

Q23. Does HCC have any preferred vendors, i.e. Fire Alarm, Security, etc?

Response: No.

Q24. In an effort to provide the best overall bid/proposal value to HCC, Contractor would like to request that the proposal requirements for submission of Attachment No. 3 "Small Business Unavailability Certificate" and Attachment No. 4 "Contractor and Subcontractor Participation Form" of the bid proposal package be revised to allow submission of these specific required documents within 24 hours of the currently stated date/time for receipt of Contractor's Sealed bid/proposal package. Please advise.

Response: Please refer to Solicitation Amendment No.1

Q25. In an effort to provide the best overall bid/proposal value to HCC, Contractor would like to request that the proposal requirements for submission of the "Project Alternate Pricing" (Exhibit No.1 "Bid price list for Add-Delete Alternates") of the bid proposal package be revised to allow submission of this specific required document within one hour of the currently stated date/time for receipt of Contractor's Sealed bid/proposal package. Please advise.

Response: Please refer to Solicitation Amendment No.1

Q26. The Contractor could not find in the IFB documents information regarding requirements for the construction "Builders Risk" insurance policy. Please advise requirements for providing Builders Risk coverage for the project, including responsibility of cost for the Builders Risk policy (Owner or Contractor)

Response: Builder's Risk Insurance shall be paid by the Contractor.

Q27. Due to the nature of the delivery method, please confirm that the electronic copy (thumb drive) does NOT need to include the bid form.

Response: Agree.

When issued, "Questions & Answers" shall automatically become a part of the solicitation documents and shall supersede any previous specification(s) and/or provision(s) in conflict with the Questions & Answers. All revisions, responses, and answers incorporated into the Questions & Answers are collaboratively from both the Procurement Operations and the applicable HCC Department(s). It is the responsibility of the bidder/respondent to ensure that it has obtained all such letter(s). By submitting a bid on this project, bidders/respondents shall be deemed to have received all Questions & Answers and to have incorporated them into this solicitation and resulting proposal response.

Furthermore, it is the responsibility of each Contractor to obtain any previous Questions & Answers associated with this solicitation.

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