

**INVITATION TO BID
COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENTS AT
CONYERS MIDDLE SCHOOL, EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL, FLAT SHOALS ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, BARKSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, HONEY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ROCKDALE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CONYERS, GA**

Sealed Bids will be received from Bidders by Rockdale County Board of Education, at 1062 North Street, Conyers, Georgia 30012 until 1:00 PM local time on Thursday March 21, 2024, for the furnishing of all labor, material, and services necessary for the performance of the above referenced project in compliance with plans and specifications. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time and place stated above. This project consists of the replacement of an existing cooling tower on the campuses of Conyers MS, Edwards MS, Flat Shoals ES, Barksdale ES, and Honey Creek ES. It includes the disconnection, removal, and disposal of an existing cooling tower, pumps, and possibly heat exchanger, and the furnishing and installation of a new cooling tower, new tower loop pumps, new heat exchangers (2 schools) and all associated work necessary for a turnkey effort, all of the work in compliance with the Project Manual and any drawings for the project. Bids should be accompanied by a Bid Affidavit to be executed in compliance with Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 36-91-21(e). **(FAXED BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED).**

All interested Bidders must submit a basic Contractor's Pre-Qualification Statement, to be evaluated by the Owner for approval. Owner will furnish a copy of the project manual and any drawings upon approval. Bidders who do not submit a Pre-Qualification Statement will be subject to disqualification. The Pre-Qualification Statement must show the Contractor's experience in completing similar size and scope projects, within the same time limits established for this project. A minimum of two (2) similar Educational/Public School projects must be documented with appropriate back up data which will be reviewed. References from past clients and projects must be included and will be verified. The Pre-Qualification Statement must be submitted and received in duplicate by the Owner's office no later than 4:30 PM EST on Monday, March 11, 2024. Failure to meet this deadline will be grounds for disqualification. **(FAXED AND E-MAILED COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED).**

**AS PART OF THE PREQUALIFICATION PROCESS, A MANDATORY PRE-BID
CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY – MARCH 12, 2024 AT 10:00AM AT THE
FOLLOWING LOCATION:**

**EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL
2633 Stanton Road
Conyers, GA 30094**

FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY A VISIT TO THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

**HONEY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
700 Honey Creek Road
Conyers, GA 30094**

These two schools are representative of the work in the scope of the project.

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

Representative shall be Project Manager or Estimator directly responsible for the bidding of this project. Any bidder may be required, at the discretion of the Owner, to furnish evidence satisfactory to the Owner that his proposed subcontractors have sufficient means and experience in the types of work called for to assure completion of the contract in a satisfactory manner. Failure to attend the pre-bid conference will result in disqualification. 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 future Rockdale County Board of Education projects.

Contract, if awarded, will be on stipulated lump sum basis. Bids may not be withdrawn for period of sixty (60) days after the receipt of bids. Bids shall be accompanied by Bid Bond payable to Rockdale County Board of Education in an amount equal to five percent of the base bid, if the bid is equal to or greater than \$50,000.00. Bid Proposal should also include a Bid Affidavit in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 36-91-21(d), a copy of such form can be found in documents, and an E-Verify statement, also found in documents. **NO PERSONAL, COMPANY, OR CASHIER CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The Bond shall be executed by a Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia, be listed on "Department of Treasury" Circular 570, and have an A.M. Best Company rating of Minimum Class "A", with financial size of VI or better. Bid Bond shall be accompanied by letter stating the company's current rating. Provide Attorney-In-Fact who executes required bonds on behalf of surety and attach certified and current copy of his Power of Attorney. Performance and Payment Bonds, each in an amount equal to 100 percent of contract sum, will be required of successful Bidder, if the bid is equal or greater than \$50,000.00. The Owner's standard bond forms for P&P Bonds will be used and they will be provided electronically to successful low bidder. These Bonds shall be executed by a Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia, be listed on "Department of Treasury" Circular 570, and have an A.M. Best Company rating of Minimum Class "A", with financial size of VI or better. These Bonds shall also be accompanied by letter stating the company's current rating. Provide Attorney-In-Fact who executes required bonds on behalf of surety and attach certified and current copy of his Power of Attorney. Bonds will be verified by Owner prior to final execution of contract. This project is being bid and awarded in compliance with O.C.G.A Title 36 Chapter 91. Any protest of the bid process must be filed with the Office of the Executive Director of Facilities, 1062 North Street, Conyers, Georgia 30012 no later than 72 hours prior to the established bid time. Any protest of the bid results must be filed with the Office of the Executive Director of Facilities, 1062 North Street, Conyers, Georgia 30012 no later than 72 hours after the actual time of the bid opening.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from owner upon pre-qualification, for no charge. Successful Contractor will be furnished five (5) sets of Contract Documents for execution of Work. Drawings, specifications, and addenda are the property of the Owner and all documents shall be returned. Copies of Bidding Documents are also posted in the Office of Executive Director of Facilities & Transportation, 1062 North Street, Conyers, Georgia 30012.

Permitting of this project, if necessary, will be completed by the time Bids are received by the Owner, and it will be the responsibility of the successful contractor to apply to obtain those permits from the responsible jurisdictional government. Any required easements or rights of way have been acquired. Time is of the essence to the Contract performance. The Owner will be

prepared to issue a Notice to Proceed at the Pre-Construction meeting which will be scheduled after approval of bids by the Board; and provided the low Bidder has submitted all Bonds, Insurance Forms, and the properly executed Owner/Contractor Agreement. Contractor shall mobilize within five (5) days of that Notice to Proceed, but no earlier than May 29, 2024. Work must be substantially complete by July 15, 2024.

The above description is an advertisement for the submission of bids which are to be considered as offers for performance of work by the submitting party. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids and to waive technicalities.

OWNER: ROCKDALE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
TERRY O. OATTS, Ed. D, SUPERINTENDENT