

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids from Fire Alarm System Contractors qualified under provisions of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of South Carolina (Secs. 40-11-10-40-11-350 of Code of Laws, 1976 as amended to date) will be received by the owners, **Williamsburg County School District (WCSD)**, on **Wednesday, April 5, 2023, until 2:00 pm** at the **Williamsburg County School District Office located at 500 North Academy Street, Kingstree, SC 29556**; for Fire Alarm System Replacement to schools located in Williamsburg County School District. Faxed bids, due to the possibility of illegibility or misread information will not be accepted.

Description: **WCSD Fire Alarm System Replacements to:**
Kingstree High School – East Campus &
Kingstree High School – West Campus

Mandatory Pre-bid: **03/27/2023 at 2:00 p.m. EST.**

Pre-Bid Location: Kingstree High School – West Campus - Cafeteria
616 Martin Luther King Ave.
Kingstree, SC 29556

Deadline for Questions: **03/30/2023 at 4:00 pm EST**

Submission of Bid Due: **04/05/2023 at 2:00 pm EST**

Intent to Award: **04/06/2023**

Execute Contract: **04/06/2023**

Start Work: **06/05/2023**

Completion Date (CO): **08/04/2023**

Submit to: Williamsburg County School District Office
Attn: Michael Barrineau
KHS Fire Alarm System Replacements
500 North Academy Street
Kingstree, SC 29556

SEALED BIDS, shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond or certified check in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the base bid pledging that the bidder will enter into a contract with the Owner for the terms stated in the bid. Both Performance Bond and Payment Bond will be required in an amount equal to 100 percent of the contract price. All bonds shall be a surety Licensed in the State of South Carolina with an "A" minimum rating or performance and financial strength of at least 5 times the contract amount, including add alternates. All bonds shall be accompanied by a power of attorney authorizing the attorney in fact to bind the surety and certified to include the date of the bond. Bids are due on date and time as noted and will be publicly opened at the stated time and place. **Bids received after this time will not be considered.** You or a representative of your firm are invited to attend.

PLEASE NOTE! Williamsburg County School District assumes no responsibility for the delivery of the solicitation, addendum or solicitation response via the U.S. Postal Service, Fed Ex, UPS, electronic transmission, or any other means.

This contract will be awarded to the responsive offer or whose bid is determined to be the most advantageous to the Williamsburg County School District. However, the right is reserved to reject any and all, or portions of bids received, and in all cases, the District will be the sole judge as to whether a proposer's bid has or has not satisfactorily met the requirements of this bid solicitation. The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and technicalities in bidding. The District is not required to furnish a statement of the reason(s) why a bid was not deemed to be the most advantageous nor will it be required to furnish any information regarding the bid solicitation.

No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after date and time of opening of bids. Substantial completion of this project is **August 4, 2023**. Liquidated damages in the amount of \$200.00 per day will be charged this contract for each day beyond the substantial completion date.

Drawings and Specifications for the project were prepared by ETi Engineering, LLC., 5725 Bush River Road, Columbia, South Carolina, (803-233-9396). Invited Contractors licensed to do business in South Carolina, according to the provisions of the Contractor's Licensing Law of the State of South Carolina Code of Laws of South Carolina as amended, may bid this project.

Neither the Owner or the Engineer is responsible for any omissions or deletions to the bids submitted by the Contractor or Sub-Contractor due to receiving an incomplete or partial set of Plans and Specifications.

Bidders are required to inform themselves fully of all laws, ordinances and conditions relating to the construction and labor under which the work will be performed, and each contractor must employ, as far as possible, such methods and means in carrying out the work accordingly. Bidders are required to visit the site and become thoroughly familiar with all existing conditions before submitting a bid. Failure to do so will in no way relieve the successful bidder from the necessity of furnishing any materials or performing any work that may be required to complete the work in accordance with the true intent and meaning of the plans and specifications without additional cost to the owner.

No oral interpretations will be made to the bidders as to the meaning of the Plans and Specifications. Requests for interpretations or clarifications will not be made less than 3 days prior to receipt of proposals. All interpretations and clarifications made to bidders will be issued in the form of an addendum. Such addenda are to be covered in the proposals and in the closing contract they will become a part thereof.

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