

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for the following project will be received by the Sullivan County Purchasing Agent at the Sullivan County Courthouse, 3411 Highway 126, Suite 201, Blountville, TN, until **2:00 P.M.**, Eastern Time, on **October 25, 2022**. Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids will be considered for award or rejection at a later date.

PROJECT: Bluff City Elementary School Cooling Tower Replacement

Copies of the bid documents in PDF format as downloaded files may be obtained from Holston Engineering. Potential Bidders may request bid documents by email request to Derwin Cartmel at derwin.cartmel@holsteng.com. Potential Bidders are granted a limited license to print and copy the PDF files for the purpose of preparing Bids. Copies of the documents will also be available at the following locations:

Knoxville Builders Exchange
300 Clark Street
Knoxville, TN 37921

AGC Plan Room
249 Neal Drive
Blountville, TN 37617

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Bluff City Elementary School, 282 J. Forrest Thomas St., Bluff City, TN 37618, at **10:00A.M.**, Eastern Time, on **October 11, 2022**. All questions regarding this project need to be submitted in writing via email to the Project Engineer: Derwin Cartmel at derwin.cartmel@holsteng.com. All questions must be submitted no later than October 18, 2022, by the close of business. Questions will be answered in an addendum that will be issued no later than October 20, 2022.

A bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total of the bid is required. Certified checks should be made payable to **Sullivan County Trustee**. Certified checks will be deposited and refunded within five (5) days after bid opening except for the two (2) lowest bidders. The remaining bid bonds or refund checks will be returned promptly after the Owner and accepted bidder have executed the contract. The successful bidder will be required to execute acceptable Performance and Payment Bonds in an amount equal to one hundred (100%) percent of the contract price.

This project is being funded by the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER) grant, which are federal funds administered by the Tennessee Department of Education. Federal regulations as identified herein must be adhered to in the performance of this project. Qualified Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) are encouraged to submit.

By submission of a signed bid, the bidder certifies total compliance with Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and all regulations promulgated thereunder. All bidders must be licensed State of Tennessee Contractors as required by the Contractors Licensing Act of 1994 (TCA Title 62, Chapter 6). A Bid Envelope Cover Sheet has been included in the bid documents. The Bid Envelope Cover must be completed and attached to the sealed envelope. No bid will be opened unless the outside of the sealed envelope containing the bid provides the following information: the Bidder's name, license number, classification of license and date of expiration and a quotation of that part of his classification applying to the bid; the Geothermal, HVAC, Masonry, Plumbing, Mechanical, Sprinkler, Electrical and Roofing subcontractor's name, license number expiration date and license classification, if any, must also appear on the Envelope Cover. If no Subcontractors are being used, the outside of the envelope must state, "No Subcontractors are being used on this project".

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality or irregularity in the bid received and to accept or reject any and all items of any bid. No Bidder may modify, withdraw, or cancel a bid within thirty (30) calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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