

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

THE WHITFIELD COUNTY, BOARD OF EDUCATION (the "Board"), pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 36-91-1, *et. seq.*, herein seeks competitive Proposals from contractors for the construction of: "Dug Gap Elementary School Playground", located at 2032 Dug Gap Rd, Dalton, GA 30720 (the "Project")

Contractors interested in submitting Proposals may obtain copies of the Contract Documents by contacting KRH_Architects, 855 Abutment Road, Suite 4, Dalton, Ga. 30721 706-529-5895 (The Architect).

The documents will be distributed in PDF format. **Any contractor submitting a Proposal must procure a complete set of the Contract Documents from the Project Architect.**

Only a proposal submitted by a General Contractor on record with the Architect as having received plans and specifications from the Architect will be opened.

The Architect will also make available the Proposal Form as well as the Contractor's Qualification Statement and Questionnaire, all of which must be fully completed and submitted with any Proposal.

Proposals must include a fully executed Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the proposed lump sum contract price (exclusive of any alternates and unit prices).

Payment and Performance Bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the lump sum contract price as set forth in the Agreement between the Board and the Contractor will be required.

Proposals must include an affidavit meeting all requirements O.C.G. A § 13-10-91 verifying compliance with the applicable Federal work authorization program. The form for such affidavit is attached as an exhibit to the **INSTRUCTION TO PROPOSERS**.

Any Contractor who intends to submit a Proposal is required to attend a Pre-proposal Meeting, which will be held on the 19th day of April, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. at the project site.

RFP responses will be received by the Board, in the Office of the Whitfield County Board of Education, 1306 South Thornton Avenue, Dalton, Georgia, until 10:00 a.m. local time on the 29th day of April, 2016. The Board will receive such Proposals at such time and place. Proposals attempted to be delivered after said time will not be accepted.

The Board intends to award the construction contract to the responsible and responsive contractor whose Proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the Board, taking into consideration the following evaluation factors which are listed in their order of relative importance:

- A. An evaluation team consisting of Whitfield County Schools Representatives will evaluate all submitted proposals and rank them. The evaluation criteria will be based on overall design, play value of playground (50 points), proposed cost (20 points), warranty (20 points), and durability (10).

At the discretion of the Board, and in conformity with the applicable provisions of Georgia Law, the Board may afford contractors an opportunity for subsequent discussion, negotiation, and revision of Proposals. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any technicalities or formalities.

Any Proposal submitted in response to this Request shall remain open for acceptance by the Board, and same shall be honored by the contractor, for a period of sixty (60) days from the date set forth hereinabove for the receipt of Proposals.

Any questions or comments concerning this Request for Proposals should be addressed in writing to the Architect at the address as set forth hereinabove.

Contractor must have minimum Worker's Comp and General Liability Insurance in full force and effect. No proposal will be considered unless it is accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the Bidder holds any and all necessary or required Federal, State or local licenses and/or permits. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, all contractors and sub-contractors performing work within the State of Georgia on a contract with a public employer must register and participate in a federal work authorization. The Board will require certification for contractor that this requirement has been met. Each Respondent shall submit with its proposal a copy of current Business License &/or Occupational Tax Certificate issued in the state it resides. If bidder cannot provide this License, it will be required to obtain one from Whitfield County if it is the Awarded Respondent.