## **ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed Bids will be received from qualified bidders for a Mass Grading Package for Sullivan East Middle School, Bluff City, Tennessee by Kristinia Davis, Purchasing Agent in the Purchasing Department of the Sullivan County Courthouse, 3411 Highway 126, Suite 201, Blountville, TN until 2:00 P.M., prevailing time, on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid conference is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2017, 10:00 A.M. at the project site located on Weaver Pike in Bluff City, Tennessee.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained by prime bidders at the office of CainRashWest Architects, 130 Regional Park Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee 37660, upon receipt of a plan deposit in the amount of \$100.00 per set. Plan deposits are fully refundable provided Plans and Specifications are returned, in good, unmarked condition, within ten (10) days or receipt of bids. Plans and specifications in pdf format are available electronically and will be furnished to General Contractors at no charge upon request. General Contractors may, at their own expense, reproduce the contract documents for distribution to their proposed subcontractors. Subcontractors wishing to obtain plans and specifications from the Architect may do so upon deposit of a check in the amount of \$100.00. Subcontractor checks are non-refundable and are applied toward the cost of printing. Subcontractors are used to obtain plans from the General Contractors to whom they are bidding.

Plans and Specifications will be made available for sub-contractor viewing at the office of CainRashWest Architects.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bidder's Bond, executed by the Bidder and Surety Company licensed to do business in the State of Tennessee, or a certified check, in the sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid made payable to Sullivan County Trustee, and including the consideration of additive alternates, if any. **Certified checks will be deposited** by Sullivan County and refunded within five (5) days after opening of bids with the exception of the two (2) lowest bidders. The remaining bid bonds or refund checks will be returned promptly after the Owner and the accepted bidder have executed the contract or, if no award has been made within thirty (30) days after the bid opening date, upon demand of the bidder of his bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to execute an acceptable Performance Bond – Labor and Material Payment Bond (AIA Document A311) in the amount equal to One Hundred Percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

All bidders must be licensed contractors of the State of Tennessee. The bidder's name, license number, classification of license, and date of expiration must be placed on the envelope containing the Contractor's Bid. The name, the license number, expiration date and license classification of the subcontractors for Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Sprinkler and Masonry, if any, must also appear on the outside of the envelope.

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