

**SECTION A
INVITATION TO BID**

A-01. Sealed bids from Contractors will be received by the **Whitfield County Schools, Dalton, Georgia**, Owner, in the Office of the **Whitfield County Schools, 1306 South Thornton Avenue, Dalton, Georgia** until **1:00 P.M.** prevailing time on **April 19, 2015** for the construction of the **Whitfield County Schools Hvac Modifications, Dalton, Georgia**.

A-02. The scope of the work consists of the replacement of the Hvac systems at **Dawnville Elementary School** and **Pleasant Grove Elementary School**. Related work includes replacement of building finishes (ceiling, flooring, painting) where required to install new work and plumbing (gas) and electrical systems modifications required to accommodate new work.

A-03. Each bid shall be submitted on the prescribed Form of bid. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, in ink or typewritten, in both words and figures, and the certification shall be completed and executed when submitted.

A-04. At the time and place noted above, the proposals for the project will be publicly opened and read. No extension of the bidding period will be made.

A-05. Bidding documents may be obtained at the office of James W. Buckley & Associates, 423 Pine Avenue, Suite 200 (P.O. Box 466), Albany, Georgia 31702; Telephone Number (229) 883-4698.

A-06. Bid Documents may be reviewed and/or obtained at the offices of James W. Buckley & Associates, 423 Pine Avenue; Albany, Georgia 31701; Phone: (229) 883-4698 or Fax: (229) 883-0936 or E-Mail: rmb@jwbuckley.com. Applications for bidding documents and Contractor's A305 Statement of Qualifications showing experience in this size and scope of work shall be received by the Architect prior to issuance of the documents to Contractors. Electronic documents in .pdf format will be furnished to interested parties at no cost.

A-07. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at The Office **Whitfield County Schools, 1306 South Thornton Avenue, Dalton, Georgia** at **1:00 P.M.** on **April 5, 2015**. The architect will be available for clarification and interpretation of Construction Documents. The attendance at the pre-bid is mandatory for all bidders who will be submitting bids.

A-08. Contract, if awarded, will be on a lump-sum basis. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after time and date of opening.

A-09. Each bid must be accompanied with a **BID BOND** (Bond only; certified checks or other forms are not acceptable) in an amount equal to 5% of the base bid, payable to the OWNER and issued by a Surety authorized to do business in the State of Georgia, in order to guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract to construct the project strictly within the terms and conditions stated in this bid and in the bidding and Contract Documents, should the construction contract be awarded to him.

A-010. The successful bidder shall be required to furnish a bond for the faithful performance on the contract and a bond to secure payment of all claims for materials furnished and/or labor performed in performance of the project, both in amounts equal to 100% of the Contract Price. Both bonds shall be issued by a Corporate Surety authorized to do business with the State of Georgia. All bids submitted shall remain open for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the bid opening.

A-10. All bids submitted shall be in accordance with the terms of the Georgia Vendor Manual and the laws of the State of Georgia.

A-11. The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities.

END OF SECTION A