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WCS - RFB #1279 Cooling Tower Replacement at Fairview High School INVITATION TO BID

Williamson County Schools, (WCS) Owner, is currently accepting sealed bids from licensed and qualified HVAC contractors to execute turn-key construction services for **Cooling Tower Replacement at Fairview High School.** Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, mailed or hand delivered to WCS, Central Office, 1320 West Main Street, Suite 202, Franklin, TN 37064, Attn: Joan Breeding. Envelopes should be marked **"WCS - RFB #1279 Cooling Tower Replacement at Fairview High School"**. Sealed bid envelopes will be received until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at which time they will be publicly opened. Faxed or emailed bids will not be accepted. Any bids received after the specified opening time will not be accepted. In the event WCS must reschedule a bid opening date or time, the specifications obtained from the WCS purchasing Dept. shall reflect the actual date and time. Once the sealed bid envelope is submitted to WCS, the Purchasing Department will stamp the face of the envelope to authenticate the actual date and time it is received.

A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at Fairview High School, 2595 Fairview Blvd W, Fairview, TN 37062. Although attendance to the pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged as important information concerning the bid project will be discussed. Attendees should meet outside t mechanical courtyard with cooling tower.

The following items must be **<u>included inside</u>** the sealed bid envelope:

- Signed & Completed Bid form
- Contractor's Qualification Statement
- Certification of Compliance with Tennessee Licensing Law
- Drug Free Workplace Program Certification
- Criminal Background Check Affidavit
- Certification of Compliance with the Iran Divestment Act
- Bid bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid. The bond is required as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into. Refer to bid documents for complete bidding instructions.

The following information must be listed on the **<u>outside</u>** of the sealed bid envelopes:

- WCS-RFB #1279 Replace Cooling Tower at Fairview High School
 - Contractor's Name and Address
 - Date and Time of Bid opening
 - Tennessee Contractor License #, Expiration, Date & Limitations.
 - List of all Subcontractor's and their Tennessee Contractor License #, Classification, Expiration Date & License Limitations (All subcontractors must be listed regardless of bid amount).

Completed Drawings and Specifications will be made available electronically from Entech Engineering Inc., 5301 Virginia Way, Suite 140, Brentwood, TN 37027. Contact Ben Hunter, Project Engineer, 615-373-2640, <u>bhunter@entechtn.com</u>.

An apparent low Bidder will be established from this bid process. Contracts for this project will be awarded to the lowest, best and most responsive bid(s) that reasonably meet the specifications and qualifications. Immediately after the bid opening, WCS Purchasing will prepare a bid tabulation, Entech Engineering, Inc. will review the tabulation and will provide to WCS a written (documented) recommendation. WCS will

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then release the bid tabulations to the bidding companies with our intent to award. After 10 consecutive calendar days WCS will issue a fully funded award PO to the low bidder.

After the successful bidder has received the award notice, said bidder <u>must provide</u> to WCS the following items within (15) consecutive calendar days from the date of WCS award notice. Fully executed AIA contract (facilitated through Entech Engineering, Inc.)

• A Payment, Performance, Labor and Materials (PPLM) Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract sum, issued by a bonding company licensed to do business in the state of Tennessee and acceptable to the Owner. Bond is required of the successful bidder to guarantee faithful performance of work under the contract. In the event the successful Bidder to whom the contract is awarded fails to execute a satisfactory contract and PPLM bond and proof of insurance – then said bidder shall be eliminated and shall forfeit his 5% bid bond and be liable for any loss occasioned to the Owner because of such failure.

• INSURANCE: WCS must be named as an additional insured on contractor's policy.

A. Contractor will obtain and maintain insurance to protect contractor and owner form claims which may arise out of or result from contractor's operations under the contract. Certificate of Liability with a minimum of \$2,000,000 listing WCS as additional insured must be provided.

NOTE: All WCS bids are ultimately subject to funding. Furthermore, WCS reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids that are not in the best interest of WCS.

Bidding Time-Line:

- Advertised in the Tennessean......Thursday, February 10, 2022
- Final documents available from Entech...... Monday, February 14, 2022
- Pre-bid at Fairview High School......Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @ 3:30 p.m.
- Bid Opening at WCS Central OfficeThursday, February 24, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.
- Bid tabulation released with intent to award.....on or around Monday, February 28, 2022
- Award PO released to winning bidder Approximately 10 consecutive calendar days after bid tabulation is released.
- No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 consecutive calendar days after the actual date of the public bid opening Thursday, February 24, 2022.
- WCS anticipates having the project awarded, notice to proceed, and purchase order issued within approximately 10 consecutive calendar days from the bid opening day.
- Bidders are to include all sales and use tax, payroll tax, insurance, bonds, etc. as applicable by State of TN procurement laws. Nothing contained in the commissioned architect's RFB documents or amendments thereto shall eliminate or reduce the requirements contained in the legal advertisement or this invitation to bid.

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