

INVITATION TO BID

October 2, 2009

DUE DATE: **October 20, 2009**
TIME: **2:00 p.m.**
LOCATION: **University of Connecticut**
Capital Projects & Contract Administration
31 LeDoyt Road
Storrs, CT
Attn: Walt Dalia

The University of Connecticut is accepting sealed bids for:

UCHC Dental Preclinical Teaching & Prosthetics Lab Renovations
Project Number: #901212

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH CENTER
FARMINGTON, CT

Bids must be submitted on the forms supplied and in the manner specified within the Bid Documents. **Bidders must order and reserve a set of bid documents prior to pick-up from Joseph Merritt & Co., 650 Franklin Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114, phone (860) 296-2500 or fax (860) 296-0414. Bid documents may be purchased for the cost of printing by business or personal check made payable to Joseph Merritt & Co. Open to Pre-Qualified Contractors only.**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project consists of interior renovations for the UCHC New Dental Pre-Clinic and Prosthetics Labs Project located on the main floor of both Buildings L & B at the University of Connecticut Health Center, in Farmington, Connecticut.

SCOPE OF WORK

The following generally describes the proposed scope of work. Refer to the complete set of Drawings and Specifications for more complete information:

Demolition

- Removal of partitions
- Removal of suspended ceiling system(s) as required
- Removal of light fixtures, switches and receptacles as required
- Removal of exhaust hoods
- Removal of HVAC ducts, diffusers and registers as required
- Removal of pendant style sprinkler heads
- Removal of casework
- Removal of lockers
- Removal & salvage of existing cabinets, countertops and dental work stations
- Removal of doors and frames
- Removal of flooring materials
- Removal of plumbing fixtures, piping & fittings

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- Removal of existing gas, air, oxygen and vacuum outlets
- Removal of fixed lab & dental equipment items
- Coring of floor(s) & partitions for new services as required

Renovation

- Construction of metal framed and gypsum finished partitions
- Modification & installation of suspended ceiling system(s)
- Modification & installation of light fixtures, switches and receptacles
- Adjustment of existing suspended ceiling system, including the relocation / installation of new & old light fixtures, sprinkler heads, HVAC diffusers and registers
- Installation of new point of use hood and snorkel systems
- Installation of new and revised casework
- Installation of new base cabinets with stainless steel tops
- Installation of new and revised dental work stations
- Installation of new door and frame units
- Installation of new hollow-metal framed vision windows
- Installation of new paint and finishes
- Installation of new flooring materials and base
- Modifications to existing electrical system
- Installation of new eyewash stations
- Installation of Owner supplied dental equipment and support systems
- Installation of area outlets, switches & IT infrastructure
- Installation of new feature wall plaque
- Installation of new room and directional signage
- Patching of floor(s) & partitions as required to maintain ratings

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

There will be a job-site walkthrough on **Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.** This walkthrough is ***not mandatory*** however; interested bidders are ***strongly encouraged*** to attend to view existing conditions. Please meet in the lobby of the John Dempsey Hospital. The Pre-Bid Conference will commence promptly at the time noted herein.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PROCEDURE

All questions must be directed in writing to the Office of Capital Projects and Contract Administration, Attention, Walt Dalia @ **(860) 486-1953 (fax)** using the Bidders Questionnaire form included within the bid documents. Questions received verbally will not be answered. **No questions will be accepted after 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2009.** All answers will be published by written Bid Clarification. Extensions of RFI deadlines may only be revised via written Bid Clarification. It is the responsibility of all bidders to verify that they are current with all Bid Clarifications issued with the Office of Capital Projects and Contract Administration prior to bid submission.

Bids will be accepted at the Office of Capital Project and Contract Administration, Storrs until 2:00 P.M. local time on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. All Bids must identify and list the pricing of sub-contractors in the space provided on the Form of Proposal.

The Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount bid. All bonds required for this Project shall be acceptable to the University and, as a minimum, issued through a bonding company licensed to transact such business in the State of Connecticut and named on the current list of "Surety Companies Acceptable on Federal Bonds" as published in the "Treasury Department Circular 570".

The successful Contractor shall be required to provide a Labor and Material Payment Bond and a Performance Bond for one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract price.

In the bidding of most deferred maintenance, major renovation, and new construction projects, general contractors are advised they must award twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the values of their awarded contracts to certified SBE's;

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and, of that amount, twenty-five percent (i.e., 6.25%) or more must be awarded to SBE's who are also MBE's. The general contractors are responsible for ensuring that they and the SBE's they have selected are eligible contractors, and that they meet State requirements

The University reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, in whole or in part, to award any item, group of items, or total Bid, and to waive any informality or technical defects, if it is deemed to be in the best interests of the University.

No Bidder may withdraw its Bid within **ninety (90) days** of the date of the Bid opening. Should there be reasons why the Contract cannot be awarded within the specified period, the time may be extended by mutual agreement between the University and the Bidder.

Walt Dalia
Purchasing Agent I
Capital Projects and Contract Administration

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