

INVITATION TO BID

August 28, 2009

DUE DATE: September 16, 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:

OSFM Code Remediation – Graduate Dormitories
Project Number: #901348

UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
Storrs, 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.**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project consists of code compliance remediation associated with non-graspable handrails located throughout thirteen egress stairwells that serve the Graduate Dormitory Complex located at the Storrs Campus of the University of Connecticut, Storrs, 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:

- **Remove outside handrail (all stair runs) and install new handrail meeting code requirements for graspability**
- **Offset-mount new handrail meeting code requirements for graspability on existing inside handrail/guardrail (all stair runs and all landings except fop at roof access).**

PRE-BID CONFERENCE

There will be a job-site walkthrough at **The University of Connecticut, Capital Project & Contract Administration Conference Room, 31 LeDoyt Road, Storrs, CT** on **Friday, September 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** This walkthrough is *not mandatory* however; interested bidders are *strongly encouraged* to attend to view existing conditions. Meet at the **Capital Project & Contract Administration Conference Room at the Storrs Campus.** The Pre-Bid Conference will commence promptly at the time noted herein.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PROCEDURE

Contractor's Initials: _____

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 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 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 Wednesday, September 16, 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; 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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