

SECTION 001200 - INVITATION TO BID

Contractors are invited to submit **SEALED BIDS** for the bidding of the new Franklin County Emergency 911 Center.

BIDS ARE INVITED ON A LUMP SUM BASIS FOR THE FOLLOWING CONTRACT(S):

Contract 1 General Construction

Drawings will be available on or about, **Monday, October 25, 2021**, from ARC Document Solutions. Bidders to gain access via the public planroom at (https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/Secures/PWELL_PrivateList.aspx?PriType=Pub&mem=157&custToken=) and search by the project name, **Franklin County Emergency 911 Center** or by email to Raleigh.customerservice@e-arc.com. Documents can be viewed and downloaded at no cost. To purchase prints, email requests to Raleigh.customerservice@e-arc.com or call 919-388-9900, directly to pay over the phone. All payments for prints to be made via credit card to ARC Document Solutions. Shipping and delivery charges are additional should printed hard copies be obtained.

Sealed bid proposals for the new Franklin County Emergency 911 Center will be received by Franklin County, County Manager, 113 Market Street, Louisburg, NC 27549 until 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Bidders are to submit one (1) original of their bid package. Bids submitted after the 2:00 P.M. deadline will NOT be accepted. The bids will be opened and read aloud at 2:30 P.M. at the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Annex located at 103 South Bickett Blvd., Louisburg, NC 27549. Faxed bids will not be accepted. No award of the contract will be made at the bid opening.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked with the project name and opening date. Bids must be received directly to the County Manager's Office of Franklin County, 113 Market Street, Louisburg, NC 27549 prior to 2:00 P.M. local time on the day of the bid opening at which time all proposals will be publicly opened and read at their scheduled time and location per the bid documents.

As part of the bid evaluation process, Franklin County reserves the right to hold bid evaluation meetings with selected contractors prior to selection and recommendation for a construction contract. If such bid evaluation meetings are needed, they will be held on Monday, November 29, 2021, starting at 9:00AM at a location to be determined. Contractors will be notified prior to the scheduled time should it be deemed necessary.

A NON-MANDATORY Pre-bid Meeting will be held at the Franklin County Cooperative Extension Annex located at 103 South Bickett Blvd., Louisburg, NC 27549, on *Tuesday, October 26, 2021*, at 2:00 P.M., a site visit will follow the meeting.

The project consists of the construction of a new Franklin County Emergency 911 Center for Franklin County.

BID SECURITY

SCHRADERGROUP architecture LLC
Raleigh, North Carolina
SGA Project: 20.010

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- A. Bid Security shall be made payable to the Owner, Franklin County, in the amount of 5 percent (5%) of the Base Bid sum. Security shall be either CERTIFIED CHECK, BANK CASHIERS CHECK or BID BOND issued by the Surety licensed to conduct business in the state in which the Project is being constructed. The Owner reserves the right to approve the sufficiency of the required bid security.
- B. The successful bidder's Security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Contract and furnished the required PAYMENT and PERFORMANCE BONDS. The Owner reserves the right to retain the Security of the next three (3) lowest bidders until the lowest Bidder enters into a Contract or until ninety (90) days after bid opening, whichever is the shorter. All other Bid Security will be returned as soon as practical. If any Bidder refuses to enter into a Contract, the Owner will retain its Bid Security as liquidated damages, but not as a penalty.
- C. The Bid Security is to be submitted and attached to the BID FORM at the time of submission of Bids.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practical, use North Carolina products, materials, services and labor in the implementation of their projects. Additionally, contractor compliance with equal employment opportunity requirements of North Carolina NC G. S. 126-16 Equal Employment Opportunity shall be required.

Franklin County is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer that selects contractors without consideration of race, religion, color, ethnic background, sex, age or handicapped status. Minority-owned businesses are encouraged to submit bids.

It is the policy of Franklin County to award public building contracts without regard to race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, age, or handicapping condition, as defined in G.S. 168A-3. [143-128.2(h)].

The Franklin County Minority Business Participation Outreach Plan was developed in accordance with G.S. 143-128.2. The policy is referenced in Franklin County's Purchasing Policy and the complete policy can be found in the County Clerk's Office.

Franklin County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all irregularities, mistakes, omissions or informalities relative thereto. The date and time for the submittals of questions and for the submittal of bids as set forth in the Contract Documents shall be deemed mandatory. The failure to meet all submittal dates as set forth shall constitute a defect in the bid submission, which shall be grounds for rejection of the bid as non-responsive. The failure to meet any submittal dates shall not be considered a waivable irregularity omission or informality.

E-mailed questions should be directed to: SCHRADERGROUP architecture LLC, Attn: Harry Pettoni at hpettoni@sqarc.com.

Bidders must comply with the Prevailing Wage Rates as determined for Franklin County, North Carolina as determined by the North Carolina Department of Labor and the United States Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division.

The Contract Documents may be reviewed for bidding purposes without charge during business hours at the following location:

Franklin County
Office of the County Manager
113 Market Street
Louisburg, NC 27549
Phone: 919.496.5994

SCHRADERGROUP architecture, LLC
4208 Six Forks Road, Suite 1000
Raleigh, NC 27609
Phone: 919.825.4882

Builders and Contractors Exchange
1118 Azalea Garden Road
Norfolk, VA 23502
Phone: 757-858-0680

McGraw Hill/Dodge
1015 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Phone : 215-627-6493

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