

NOTICE INVITING GENERAL CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION

The University of California, Irvine (UCI) requests the qualifications of general contractors wishing to submit design build proposals for the **AIR HANDLER REPLACEMENTS 2023, PROJECT NO. 5112867 / CONTRACT NO. TBD.**

Prequalification questionnaires will be accepted from prospective design build teams that include a: 1) General Building (B) contractor; 2) Warm Air-Heating, Ventilating, Air-Conditioning (C20) contractor; and 3) a design firm (mechanical engineer) that have completed comparably sized design build projects as described in the questionnaire. Contractors may elect to self-perform the Warm-Air Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning Contractors trade work if they possess a current and active C-20 California Contractors State License.

DESCRIPTION: The project will replace air-handling units in up to eight buildings and a chiller at the Central Plant. The base bid scope of work includes replacing 12 air handlers across the following six buildings: Aldrich Hall (2), Bonney Center (1), Gateway Study Center (3), Humanities Instructional Building (1), Social Science Hall (1), and Social Sciences Tower (4).

The base scope of work will replace air handlers in their entirety including coils, fans, controls, piping, and other appurtenances for fully operational central air handling systems. Asbestos abatement is anticipated due to the age of many of the air handlers and pipe insulation.

The base scope of work also includes replacement of Chiller 5 at Central Plant. Chiller 5 is a 2,500 ton electric chiller installed in 1998.

Bid alternates include replacing air handlers at Engineering Gateway (2), and the Rockwell Engineering Center air handlers (2) and roof.

ESTIMATED CONTRACT TIME: 16 months

PROJECT DELIVERY: Design Build

ESTIMATED DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COST: \$6,500,000 to \$8,000,000

PROCEDURES: Prequalification questionnaires will be available electronically at **2:00 PM on Thursday, February 2, 2023** from UCI Design & Construction Services.

Mandatory Prequalification Conference begins promptly at **10:00 AM on Monday, February 13, 2023** at University of California, Irvine, Design & Construction Services, Wright Work Room, 101 Academy, Ste. 200, Irvine, CA 92697.

Prequalification questionnaires must be received electronically by **5:00 PM on Friday, March 3 2023.**

PROJECT EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS: Prequalification questionnaires will be accepted from prospective design build teams that have completed comparably-sized projects that meet the criteria listed below and demonstrate the Contractor's ability to successfully complete the project with respect to project size, scope, cost, use, complexity, etc.

- Three (3) **located in the State of California that required air handling unit replacement in an existing building**, for which the construction cost was at least **\$2 million**
- Three (3) that required **strategic scheduling and increased labor staffing to complete the work in a compressed timeframe**, for which the construction cost was at least **\$500,000**

- One (1) project that required **asbestos abatement** for which the abatement cost was at least **\$25,000**
- One (1) project that included **installation of a water-cooled centrifugal chiller inside an interior mechanical room with a capacity of at least 1,000 tons**
- At least two (2) projects for which the Contractor **self-performed at least 10%** of the construction

UCI reserves the right to reject any or all responses to Prequalification Questionnaires and any or all proposals and to waive non-material irregularities in any response or proposal received. To prequalify, Contractors must agree to comply with all proposal conditions including state prevailing wages, 10% bid bond, 100% payment and performance bonds, and insurance requirements. A contract will be awarded to the Design Build Team that offers UCI the best value.

All insurance policies required to be obtained by Proposer shall be subject to approval by University for form and substance. All such policies shall be issued by a company rated by Best as A- or better with a financial classification of VIII or better or have equivalent ratings by Standard and Poor's or Moody's. The Certificate of Insurance shall be issued on the University's form.

All information submitted for prequalification evaluation will be considered official information acquired in confidence, and the University will maintain its confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

Every effort will be made to ensure that all persons have equal access to contracts and other business opportunities with the University within the limits imposed by law or University policy. Each Proposer may be required to show evidence of its equal employment opportunity policy. The successful Proposer and its subcontractors will be required to follow the nondiscrimination requirements set forth in the Proposal Documents and to pay prevailing wage at the location of the work.

The work described in the contract is a public work subject to section 1771 of the California Labor Code.

No contractor or subcontractor, regardless of tier, may be listed on a Proposal for, or engage in the performance of, any portion of this project, unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 and 1771.1.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

The successful Prequalified Proposer shall pay all persons providing construction services and/or any labor on site, including any University location, no less than the UC Fair Wage (defined as \$13 per hour as of 10/1/15, \$14 per hour as of 10/1/16, and \$15 per hour as of 10/1/17) and shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local working condition requirements.

Contact Gustavo Valle (949) 824-2088 gvalle1@uci.edu or Rosa Hernandez (949) 824-6221 rosaeh@uci.edu for the questionnaire. For other opportunities: www.designandconstruction.uci.edu.

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