

SECTION 00010 – NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Gilchrist County Administrator's Office until **Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 2:00 PM (Local Time)** (Physical Address: 209 South East 1st Street, Trenton, FL 32693) ****PLEASE NOTE THAT GILCHRIST COUNTY IS NOT A GUARANTEED TIME DELIVERY SITE FOR ANY COURIER OR DELIVERY SERVICE**** at which time and place all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of:

GILCHRIST COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GILCHRIST COUNTY ANNEX BUILDING RENOVATION

All work shall be done according to the plans and specifications prepared by:

PAUL STRESING ASSOCIATES, INC.
14617 Main Street, Alachua, Florida 32615
Telephone: (386) 462-6407
E-Mail: psa@paulstresingassociates.com

Plans are on file and open to inspection at the office of the Architect/Engineer, and at the Gilchrist County Administrator's Office. Please call for an appointment.

General Contractors may purchase sets of drawings and specifications from the following reprographics companies:

American Reprographics Co. (ARC)
3239 SW 47th Avenue, Suite 300, Gainesville, FL 32608
Telephone (352) 371-5772

Advanced Reprographics, Inc. (ARI)
2207-A NW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32609
Telephone (352) 375-7468

Partial sets of drawings and/or specifications are not advised, and the Engineer, Architect, and Owner will not be responsible for partial information regarding this project given to Subcontractors by the General contractors. Subcontractors interested in obtaining partial sets of drawings must have approval to do so from the General Contractor. Once the General Contractor has purchased at least one set of actual hard copy bid documents, the General Contractor may obtain a copy of the documents in pdf format from the reprographics company for their in-house use.

DISCRIMINATION: An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities and minor technicalities or to reject any and all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, a Bid Bond, or Cashier's Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid price, payable to the Owner.

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The successful Bidder will be required to provide a Performance, Labor, and Material Bond in the amount of 100% of the accepted Bid amount. Bidder shall be responsible for providing workers compensation coverage in the minimum Florida statutory limits and general liability insurance coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

It is the Owner's intent to award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder in conformance with the bid documents. Once bids have been received and opened, the review committee will tour completed facilities listed in the qualifications for site work and specialty sports field construction to verify a firm's ability to meet the scope and standards demanded by this project. If an apparent low bidder cannot confirm or demonstrate their ability to meet or exceed the requirements of their bid document, the committee may forego the low bid and entertain the second lowest bid under the same scrutiny. It is the General Contractor's responsibility to verify the experience of each of their subcontractors listed in their proposal.

Any actual or prospective bidder who disputes the reasonableness or competitiveness of the terms and conditions of the Invitation To Bid, Contract Award, or Recommendation for Contract Award, shall file a Notice of Protest with the Gilchrist County Administrator within 72 hours of receipt of the bid solicitation, posting of the bid tabulations, or posting of the bid award, and must file a formal written protest within ten (10) days following the filing of the Notice to Protest. Failure to observe such timelines will constitute a waiver of proceedings and of right to Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners requires a protestor to post bond in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 255.0516 F.S.

Bond Requirement:

Should a contractor wish to protest the bid recommendation, the protestor shall be required to post a bond as follows:

1. Five percent (5%) of the recommended award for all projects valued less than \$500,000.00; and
2. Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000.00) for all projects in excess of \$500,000.00.

Conditional upon payment of all costs and fees which may be adjusted against the Protestor in the Administrative Hearing. If Gilchrist County prevails at the Hearing, it may recover all costs and attorney's fees from the Protester; if the Protestor prevails at the Hearing, the Protestor shall recover all costs and attorney's fees.

Bid Tabulations shall be posted outside the Gilchrist County Manager's Office after the intended recommendation is announced on or about four (4) days of the bid opening and after the Board's decision is made. The Bid Tabulation will remain posted for a minimum period of 96 hours.

(END OF SECTION 00010)