



INSTRUCTIONS COVERING OPENING OF BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, (hereinafter called the "Board") for the project hereinafter set forth at and until 2:00 P.M. local time, 1450 N. E. Second Avenue, Room 351, Miami, Florida, following which time and place, or as soon thereafter as the Board can attend to same, the said bids will be publicly opened, read and tabulated in the Board Auditorium, Miami-Dade County School Board Administration Building, by an authorized representative of the Board. Award of the contract will be made to the lowest, pre-qualified responsible bidder for the actual amount bid considering base bid and accepted alternates (if any) as listed in the bidding documents. The Board will award the contract based upon the result of the tabulations as covered by applicable laws and regulations.

CONE OF SILENCE NOTICE & PROTEST PROCEDURES:

Pursuant to Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.212, a Cone of Silence is enacted beginning with issuance of the Legal Advertisement and ending upon such time as the Superintendent of Schools submits a written recommendation to award or approve a contract, to reject all bids or responses, or otherwise takes action which ends the solicitation and review process. Any violation of the Cone of Silence may be punishable as provided for under Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.212, in addition to any other penalty provided by law.

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed and in the manner specified in Board Rule 6Gx13- 3C-1.11, or in accordance with § 120.57(3), Fla. Stat. (2002), shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

Pre-qualified bidders may obtain one or two sets of bid and contract documents from the office of _____ on and after _____, 20 ____, with deposit of \$ _____ per set, (Cashier's Check or Money Order, payable to The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida). Deposit will be refunded when documents are returned, in good condition, no more than 10 days after award or rejection of Bid. Deposits will be retained by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, if documents are not returned within the above stipulated time and/or condition.

Bids shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the Board and accompanied by one the following: a certified check, cashier's check or a bid bond. If a bid bond is submitted, it shall be accompanied by a "Power of Attorney" for the representative of the bonding company.

The certified check, cashier's check or bid bond shall be in the amount of 5 per centum of the base bid, conditioning that if awarded the contract, the bidder will within the time specified by the Board, enter into a contract in accordance with the accepted bid, in form prescribed by the Board, and give a Public Construction Payment Bond and a Public Construction Performance Guarantee Bond, if the bid amount exceeds \$200,000, satisfactory to the Attorney for the Board equal to 100 per centum of the contract price. If the bid amount is \$200,000 or less, no Public Construction Payment Bond or Public Construction Performance Guarantee Bond is required.

Pre-qualified bidders are requested to call the Section of Contract Management, at 305-995-4540, 155 N. E. 15th Street, P103, Miami, Florida, 33132, for the return of their certified check, cashier's check or bid bond, which will be made available to the bidders in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and General Conditions in the Project Manual.

The Board reserves the right to waive informalities and to reject any and all bids.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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