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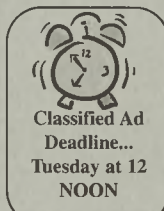
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Re: Hospitality Education Building For Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College Main Campus Asheville, North Carolina

Bid Date: Tuesday February 24, 2004 until 3:00 PM
Architect/ Engineer: Bowers, Ellis & Watson Architects, PA

Hickory Construction wants bids for all divisions of work. Plans and specifications are available for inspection at the following locations:

- Hickory Construction Company Plan Room: 1728 9th Ave. NW, Hickory, NC 28601
- Office of Bowers, Ellis & Architects, PA: 168 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC
- AGC Plan Rooms: Asheville, NC
- F.W. Dodge Plan Room: Local North Carolina Offices
- Reed Construction Data Offices: Local North Carolina Offices
- Minority center Plan rooms: Asheville Business Development, 70 Woodfin Place, Suite 305, Asheville, NC

Send bids to Hickory Construction Company, P.O. Box 1769, Hickory NC 28603 or Fax to 828-322-5138. Contact person at Hickory Construction: Chuck Moss

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Proposals must be on the blank forms provided in the bound copies of the Contract Documents and marked **"PROPOSAL FOR WATER MAIN AND SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION - FY 04 CONTRACT 7 - STREET MAIN EXTENSIONS"**.

Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Chief Engineer for \$25.00 (non-refundable). 5% deposit must accompany proposal.

A pre-bid conference will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 at 2:00 P.M. in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities 2nd Floor Conference Room, 5100 Brookshire Boulevard, Charlotte, North Carolina 28216. This conference will provide prospective bidders an opportunity to ask questions about the project and the Small Business Opportunity Program (SBOP). The conference will outline what each Contractor will need to do to meet the SBE goal requirement or to demonstrate compliance with good faith effort requirements. All interested parties are urged to attend. North Carolina laws and regulations apply.

The City complies with the American With Disabilities Act and will provide contract materials in alternate format upon request. Reasonable accommodations and auxiliary aids will also be provided upon request.

The City provides equal opportunity and encourages small business participation in contracts. The Small Business Goal for this project has been set at 3 percent. For questions concerning SBOP participation on this Project, call Edward Mobley at 704-391-5148. To obtain copies of the SBOP Policy, call 704-336-4138 or visit the SBOP website at <http://smallbiz.charmeck.org>.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

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Sealed bids for **New Metro School, Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina** will be received by the Owner at 3301 Stafford Drive, Charlotte, NC 28208. The scope of the work includes Construction of a new school facility and underground parking facility. **Bids are due at 3:00 PM on March 9, 2004** and will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

The Owner is: Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
 3301 Stafford Drive,
 Charlotte, NC 28208

The Program Manager is:
 Construction Management Services
 301 Stafford Drive
 Charlotte, NC 28208
 Phone: 980-343-4874 Fax: 980-343-6047
 Project Manager: Chip Lofton

The Architect / Engineer is: Boney PLLC
 800 West Hill Street
 Suite 101
 Charlotte, N.C. 28208

Bidders may obtain complete sets of plans and specifications for a deposit of \$250. Checks must be made payable to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education and delivered to the office of the Architect. Upon receipt of deposit, plans and specifications may be obtained from Torrence Blueprinting. Individual drawing sheets and specifications may be obtained directly through Torrence for a charge of \$2.00 per drawing sheets and \$.15 per specification sheet. Prime bidders and major subcontractors (mechanical, plumbing, electrical) shall receive a refund of the full deposits if bidding documents are returned complete and in good, usable condition with 10 days after the bid opening date. These sets should be returned to the office of the Architect. Successful bidders may keep their copies and will be issued a full refund. If bidding documents are not returned to the Architect within 10 days after the bid opening date, the deposit will be forfeited. The cost to Subcontractors and to Prime Contractors for individual drawing sheets and specification pages are non-refundable.

Bidding documents may also be inspected at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Building Services Department at 3301 Stafford Drive, Charlotte, NC 28208, the Charlotte office of the Architect, the Charlotte offices of the AGC, FW Dodge, Construction Market Data, Minority Contractors Resource Center and the CMS MWBE Administrators Office.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the existing Metro School Facility 700 East Second Street on **February 24, 2004 at 3:00 PM.**

All bidders are notified that the provisions of NCGS 143-128 (SB 308/SB 437/SB914), including guidelines for single-prime/multi-prime contracting options and minority business enterprise participation shall be observed in letting and executing the work.

Bidders are also notified that they must be properly licensed under the state laws governing their respective trades and that applicable provisions of Chapter 87 of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina shall be observed in the receiving of bids and awarding of contracts for the work.

Bid security in the amount of 5% of the bid amount shall be submitted with each bid. A Performance Bond and separate labor and material payment bond, each in the full amount of the contract shall be submitted prior to executing the work.

The bidder shall provide WITH THE BID, the identification of Minority Business Participation form and Affidavit A or B. A list of certified MWBE firms is available upon request for the office of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools MWBE Administrator at 3301 Stafford Drive, Charlotte, NC 28208.

No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 90 days after receipt of bids. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to award contract to other than the low bidder should it be deemed in their best interest.

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 3301 Stafford Drive,
 Charlotte, NC 28208

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 Phone: 980-343-4874 Fax: 980-343-6047
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The Architect is: Boney PLLC
 800 West Hill Street
 Suite 101
 Charlotte, N.C. 28208
 Fax: 704-632-0312

The Telecommunications Designer is:
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 4948 Airport Center Parkway Suite 'C'
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This project requires specific participation by subs who are classified as a NCDOT MB and/or WB. As a responsible General Contractor, we will aggressively pursue sub participation in excess of the minimum requirements. All subs need to make an effort to solicit M/WBE participation. Plans/Specifications are available for review at our office 1123 E. 10th Street, Charlotte, NC 28204. Contact Rick Owens @ (704) 348-1318 with questions. Fax quotes to (704) 376-3599 prior to noon on March 4, 2004.