

Thoughts for the Mind

There comes a time in everyone's life that one must attempt the impossible, to try one of those unopened doors, to unrest the desire in one's personality for adventure.

People are not guided by misfortunes, but rather they adhere to them believing that there is just cause for the failures in their life.

One has to only believe that lying deep within each of us is an unborn self waiting to pounce upon adventure and excitement.

Freedom cannot last within our societal life styles of a materialistic world. One only has to release the pressure valves of ties to useless identities created for and by ourselves.

Live free, die free, taste the life of real success within one's self and not the burdens of mankind placed on ourselves. I say to you, let doves fly and bells ring, choose your path and full steam ahead.

You say Bull! There is no way. One believes without luxury one cannot be as others.

I say, "Does one judge thyself by the bounty one holds or rather by the wisdom one understands. If so, he is a foolish person and has no real security but one adopted to protect his guilt."

By Carl Blue

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Charlotte will receive sealed Bids for The Charlotte Coliseum Project SIGNAGE AND GRAPHICS WOPK until 1:30 P.M. on the 20th day of August, 1987 in the fourth floor conference room of the Cameron-Brown Building, 301 South McDowell Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28204, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids will be received for the following work:

1. SIGNAGE AND GRAPHICS

Proposals must be on standard forms furnished by the Architect and must be submitted in a sealed envelope identifying the Contractor submitting the proposal. The envelope must be clearly marked as containing a proposal for a particular contract.

Proposal forms, plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of:
ODELL ASSOCIATES, INC.
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CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA 28202

A deposit of \$100.00 will be required for the plans and specifications. The deposit will be refunded upon the return of plans and specifications in good condition within 10 days from date the Bids are received.

Deposit checks are to be submitted to Turner Construction Company, but are to be made out to Odell Associates, Inc. Prime bidders will be allowed a maximum of two (2) sets of bid documents on deposit. Any additional sets required by the Prime bidders must be purchased for the stated deposit amount which is not refundable.

Bid documents will be sent out UPS at no charge to the bidders. If the bidder requires quicker receipt of documents, the bidder will be required to pay the difference in cost between the method of delivery required and the UPS cost. All sets of drawings being returned for deposit are to be returned to Turner Construction Company.

Subcontractors, sub-bidders, and material suppliers who wish to submit bids to the Prime Contractors may obtain prints of the drawings shown and specification pages from the Architect for the following charges:

Drawings: \$1.50 each
Specifications: \$1.50 each

Charges for subcontractor, sub-bidders, and material suppliers are non-refundable and drawings and specifications need not be returned.

Plans and specifications will be on file at the offices of:

1. City Engineering Department (301 South McDowell Street, Sub400).
2. Dodge Plan Room
3. The Construction Manager (Turner Construction Co.) 2099 Yorkmont Rd., Charlotte, North Carolina.
4. All North Carolina and South Carolina AGC offices.

All contractors are hereby notified that they must have proper licenses under the State laws governing their respective trades at the time of submittal of bids.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the City of Charlotte, negotiable U. S. Government bonds (at par value), or satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the Bid shall be submitted with each bid. Bid bond shall be retained if successful bidder fails to execute the contract within ten (10) days after award. Attention is called to the fact that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or handicap.

Bids may be held by the City of Charlotte for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

The City of Charlotte reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any formalities in the bidding. Bidders are advised that this contract contains provisions requiring the Contractor to document that sufficient good faith efforts have been made equal opportunity for Minority and Woman Business Enterprises to participate in the subcontracting and material supplier opportunities available under this contract.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on August 10, 1987 at 1:30 p.m. in the fourth floor conference room of the Cameron Brown Building, 301 South McDowell Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, for the purpose of discussion of questions pertaining to the project. Bidders, prospective bidders and other interested parties are encouraged to attend. An addendum will be issued subsequent to this meeting for clarification or revision of bid documents if required.

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