

Board of Education

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INVITATION TO BID

Columbia County School System requests sealed bids from General Contractors for construction of:

**Third Floor Offices
Columbia County Board of Education Administration Building
Columbia County, Georgia**

Bids will be received by the Columbia County School System (Owner) at the office of the Columbia County Board of Education, 6430 Pollards Pond Road, Appling, Georgia, until

2:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, March 7, 2006

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the conference room of the Columbia County Board of Education, 6430 Pollards Pond Road, Appling, GA at 2:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, March 7, 2006. Bid documents may be reviewed at the F. W. Dodge Plan Room, and the Augusta Builder's Exchange.

A pre-bid conference will be held on February 21, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. local time in the Cafeteria at Evans Middle School. Prospective Bidders are requested to attend the Pre-Bid Conference, however, non-attendees will be allowed to submit bids on the project.

Bidding documents may be obtained at the office of the **Harley & Associates Architects, P.C., 718 Broad St., Augusta, Georgia 30901, Telephone (706) 724-2475**. Applications for documents, together with a deposit of **\$100.00** per set shall be filed promptly with the architect. Bidding material will be forwarded, shipping charges collect, as soon as possible. The full amount of deposit for one set will be refunded to each general contractor who submits a bona fide bid upon return of such set in good condition within 10 days after date of opening of bids. All other deposits will be refunded with deductions approximating cost of reproduction of documents upon return of same in good condition within 30 days after date of opening bids.

Contract, if awarded, will be on a lump sum basis. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 35 days after time has been called on the date of opening. Bids must be accompanied by a bid bond and in an amount not less than 5% of the base bid. Both a performance bond and a payment bond will be required in an amount equal to 100% of the contract price, and executed by a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed in the Department of the Treasury Circular 570, latest edition. **The Surety Company shall have an A. M. Best Company minimum rating of "A" with a financial size of VII "7" or better.** Bonds must be accompanied by letter stating bonding company's current rating for verification prior to acceptance by the Owner and execution of the formal Owner/ Contractor agreement.

Contractors shall submit to the Owner the completed Statement of Bidders Qualifications Form attached to the Proposal Form at the time of the bid. The successful bidder must be prepared to submit within five (5) days of Owner's request a properly executed AIA Document A-305 with a current audited/reviewed Financial Statement (both to be less than one-year old). Inquires concerning procedures should be directed to the office of the architect, **(706) 724-2475**.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities and to award the project on whatever basis is in the interest of the Owner.

Bids shall be addressed to:

Columbia County School System
Mr. Tim Beatty, Executive Director

Envelope shall be marked "SEALED BID"

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