

# Board of Education

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## INVITATION TO BID

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

**Columbia County Middle School #3**  
**Columbia County Board of Education**  
**Columbia County, Georgia**

**Bids will be received by the Columbia County School System (Owner) at the office of the Columbia County Board of Education, 4781 Hereford Farm Road, Evans, Georgia 30809 until 3:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, June 29, 2006**

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Board Room of the Columbia County Board of Education, 4781 Hereford Farm Road, Evans, Georgia at 3:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, **June 29, 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 **June 13, 2006**, at 2:00 p.m., local time at the **Columbia County Board of Education Offices**. 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 **James W. Buckley & Associates, Inc., 114 North Green Street, P.O. Box 727, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401, (478) 237-6467**. Applications for documents, together with a deposit of **\$400** 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 No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 35 days after time has been called on the date of opening.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, **(478) 237-6467**.

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"**