

INVITATION TO BID
(Rev. October 19, 2009)

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

PROJECT NAME:

**SITE IMPROVEMENTS
NEW COLUMBIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NO. 7
GROVETOWN, GA**

Bids will be received by the COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM (Owner) at the office of the Columbia County Board of Education, Attn: Mr. Tim Beatty, 4781 Hereford Farm Road, Evans, Georgia 30809, until

11:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME, Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at conference room 204 of the Columbia County Board of Education, 4781 Hereford Farm Road, Evans, GA at 11:00 A.M., LOCAL TIME, Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

Bid documents may be reviewed at the F. W. Dodge Plan Room, the Columbia Co. School System office of Facilities, Maintenance & Operations Division, 731 Blanchard Drive, Grovetown, GA (weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.) or the office of the engineer.

The work consists of site clearing, grubbing and grading, erosion & sediment control best management practices, building pad construction, minor athletic field construction, utility installation, fencing, paved parking areas and roadway construction for a new public elementary school.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the auditorium of the Grovetown High School, 2010 Warrior Way, Grovetown, GA on October 26, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. Prospective bidders not attending the pre-bid conference will not be allowed to submit bids on the project.

Bidding documents may be obtained at the office of the engineer, ONESOURCE ENGINEERING, INC., 4210 Columbia Road, Suite 16-A, Martinez, GA 30907. Applications for documents, together with a deposit of \$300.00 per set, shall be filed promptly with the Engineer. Bidding material will be forwarded; shipping charges collect, as soon as possible. An amount of \$75 per set will be refunded to each General Site Contractor who submits a bona fide bid if documents are returned in good condition within thirty (30) days after opening of bids.

Contract, if awarded, will be on the basis stated in the Instructions to Bidders. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 35 days after time has been called on the date of the opening of bids.

Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond made payable to the COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM in the amount not less than five percent (5%) of the lump sum bid for the complete work; such Bid Bond representing that the Bidder, if awarded the contract, will promptly enter into a contract agreement and furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, as provided by law and approved by the Attorney for the COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM. Each bond shall be equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. The Bid Bond will be forfeited to the COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM as liquidated damages if the Bidder fails to execute the contract and provide Performance and Payment Bonds within ten (10) days after being notified that he has been awarded the contract. Certified checks or letters of credit are not acceptable. A surety company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed in the Department of the Treasury Circular 570, latest edition, must execute bonds. The surety company shall have an A. M. Best Company rating of "AAA" with a financial size of IV "4" or better. Bonds must be accompanied by a letter stating bonding company's current rating for verification prior to acceptance by the Owner and execution of the formal Owner/Contractor Agreement. Contractor and Subcontractor shall require the Attorney-in-Fact who executes bonds on behalf of sureties to attach a certified current copy of his Power of Attorney.

Contractors shall submit to the Owner the completed "Article 10 - Statement of Bidders Qualifications Form" attached to the Proposal Form at the time of the bid. *Bidders are required to have prior site construction experience on similar school projects or comparable projects of similar content, scope and difficulty.* 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 (1) year old). Inquiries concerning procedures should be directed to the office of the Site Engineer and representative for the COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM, ONESOURCE ENGINEERING, INC., 4210 Columbia Road, Suite 16-A, Martinez, GA 30907, telephone number (706) 863-8010.

The Owner reserves the right to award the project on whatever basis is in the interest of the Owner and to accept or to reject any or all bids and to waive technicalities and informalities. Any objections to the Bid Documents/Specifications as presented should be filed in writing prior to bid opening date.

Sealed bids shall be submitted and addressed to:

Columbia County School System
Mr. Tim Beatty, Executive Director
4781 Hereford Farm Road
Evans, Georgia 30809

Envelope shall be marked, "**BID ENCLOSED**"

DATE: October 13, 2009