

**SECTION A - 00100
INVITATION TO BID**

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

Evans Elementary School Reroofing and Martinez Elementary School Kitchen Reroofing

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

2:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Business Office conference room of the Columbia County Board of Education, 4781 Hereford Farm Road, Evans GA at 2:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, Thursday, September 25, 2008.

Bid documents may be reviewed at the F. W. Dodge Plan Room, and the Augusta Builder's Exchange.

A pre-bid conference for the Evans Elementary School Reroofing will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. local time in the Evans Elementary School Cafeteria, 628 Gibbs Road, Evans, Georgia.

A pre-bid conference for the Martinez Elementary School Kitchen Reroofing will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. local time in the Martinez Elementary School Media Center, 213 Flowing Wells Road, Martinez, Georgia.

Bidding documents may be obtained at the office of the architect, 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 30 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 No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 35 days after time has been called on the date of opening.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.

Bonding of Subcontractors: Include in the Base Bid the cost for, Performance and Labor and Materials Payment Bonds, each in 100% of the subcontract sum, for each subcontractor having a contract of \$50,000.00 or more for Roofing, HVAC, Plumbing, Sprinkler System and Electrical Work as required by the General Conditions. Contractor and subcontractor shall require the Attorney-in-Fact who executes bonds on behalf of sureties to attach certified copy of his Power of Attorney. Bonds to be submitted prior to Notice to Proceed.

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 submitted and addressed to:

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

Envelope shall be marked "SEALED BID".

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