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INVITATION TO BID

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

PROJECT NAME:

**Site Improvements
New Middle School No. 3
Blackstone Camp Road
Columbia County, GA**

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 30802, until 2:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, Thursday, March 30, 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, Thursday, March 30, 2006.

Bid documents may be reviewed at the F. W. Dodge Plan Room, the Augusta Builder's Exchange or the office of the engineer.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the cafeteria of the Stevens Creek Elementary School, 3780 Evans-to-Locks Road, Augusta, GA 30907 on Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 2:00 PM. 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 DEVELOPMENT, LLC, 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 \$100 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. All other deposits will be refunded, minus the cost of reproduction and handling, upon return of same 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 No bid may be withdrawn for a period of 35 days after time has been called on the date of the opening of bids.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 "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 1 year old). Inquiries concerning procedures should be directed to the office of ONESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, LLC (Site Engineer and representative for the COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM), 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.

Bids shall be submitted and addressed to:

Columbia County School System
Mr. Tim Beatty, Executive Director
6430 Pollards Pond Road
Appling, Georgia 30802

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

DATE: **February 27, 2006**