

April 7, 2021

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS

Re: **Library HVAC Replacement – Building 1500**

RFP No 20-21-16

Addendum # 3

RFI Questions and Response

1. **Question:** Does Imperial Community College District have any PLA/PSA (labor Agreements) on any of their projects?

Response: The Imperial Community College District does not require a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) on its projects.

2. **Question:** Do I need to prequalify for this project?

Response: This is a formal bid process in accordance with CUPCCAA guidelines. All bidders must be currently licensed to perform the trade indicated in the bid notice and must be registered as a Public Works Contractor with a current DIR number. This project was publicly advertised in the regional newspaper and trade journals.

3. **Question:** We received the bid documents for the above referenced project but were unable to locate the engineer's estimate. If possible, please reply back to this email with the engineer's estimate or kindly forward this to the person best able to provide this information.

Response: \$850,500.00

4. **Question:** I am reading the qualification document portion of the library HVAC project and there is a requirement in there that sets the bar pretty high- and seems a little inappropriate given the scope of work.

2.5 The Bidder's current aggregate bonding capacity for all projects is at least Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000).

- Yes
 No (Not Qualified)

So, if a contractor doesn't have an aggregate bonding capacity that is probably 7 times the value of the project itself, they are not qualified to bid it. I don't understand why this would be the case? This may preclude me from bidding on the project. Although I can bond for the project, my aggregate bond capacity is not that high. Would you guys be open to eliminating that question? Or consider opening this project to General Contractors (Class B license holders)?

Response:

- The District will amend Item 2.5 to read: "The Bidder's current aggregate bonding capacity for all projects is at least Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000)."
- The District requires all bidders to possess a C-20 Warm-Air Heating, Ventilating and Air-Conditioning license.

5. **Question:** Question 2.5 of the qualification statement asks for a bidder's current aggregate bonding capacity and states that anything less than Five Million Dollars aggregate capacity deems a contractor as not qualified. This metric does not seem to be based on statutory requirements and does not appear to tie to what would likely be the contract value. The amount listed in question 2.5 appears to be arbitrarily chosen and would not, for all intents and purposes, aid the district with its requirement to prequalify a contractor pursuant to AB 2031 or determine a contractor's ability to complete the project. Can the district remove the question altogether, or as an alternative reduce the aggregate bonding capacity threshold to a more appropriate amount?

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