

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

1. INVITATION

Sealed proposals for the following work will be received by the University of Kentucky, Capital Construction Procurement Section, Room #322 Peterson Service Building, 411 South Limestone, Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0005, in the manner and on the date hereinafter specified for the furnishing of all labor, materials, supplies, tools, appliances, equipment, services, etc., necessary for the construction of **PROJECT# 2581.0 - UK Grain & Forage Center of Excellence Rebuild**, as set forth in the specifications and as shown on the drawings for as prepared by JRA Architects and approved by the Construction Procurement Section and under the terms and conditions of this Invitation.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The new Grain Center allows the University to conduct research on intensive agricultural production practices, to study water quality issues, and to help define the environmental footprint of intensive agriculture. This ultimately benefits Kentucky producers by providing new applications and technologies that result in increased yields, reduced inputs, and higher economic returns. The new facility is a replacement for the newly finished addition/renovation, which opened in 2018. The facility was later destroyed by a tornado in December 2021. The new facility is 52,324 square feet. The space is broken out into 3 areas, learning/education, administration and the lab wings. The building uses modern safety and energy efficiency standards. The Grain Center includes a large multi-purpose space for large events, conference room, smart classrooms, demonstration classrooms, research laboratories, offices for faculty, staff and students, and food preparation rooms.

3. METHOD OF RECEIVING BIDS

Bids will be received from Prime Contractors on a Lump Sum Amount for the total project. All phases of the work shall be bid to and through the Prime Contractors. Bids shall be submitted in the manner herein described and on the official proposal form included with the conditions and specifications and shall be subject to all the conditions as set forth and described in the Bid Documents.

Bids shall be submitted only on the Official Forms supplied by the University of Kentucky, Construction Procurement Section and in the following order:

1. Form of Proposal
2. Determination of Responsibility
3. Bid Bond

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4. METHOD OF AWARD

Final award of Contract will be made on the basis of the lowest, responsive and responsible bid which offers the best value.

5. SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

The time for substantial completion for all phases shall be Five Hundred Forty (540) consecutive calendar days and Final Completion shall be Thirty (30) consecutive calendar days thereafter. Substantial Completion will include all site restoration completed, site clean-up and fully functional.

6. BONDING

All bids shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than five (5%) percent of the amount of the base bid. A 100% Performance Bond and 100% Payment Bond shall be furnished by the successful bidder. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the Instruction to Bidders, General Conditions and Special Conditions.

7. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS REVIEW

Specifications, Plans and Contract Documents may be examined at the following places:

www.ukplanroom.com

8. OBTAINING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

Plans, Specifications and Official Bid documents are no longer available from the University of Kentucky, Construction Procurement Division. The University and Lynn Imaging have an agreement for duplicating and distribution services for University construction projects. Plans, Specifications and Official Bid Documents are available from:

Lynn Imaging
328 Old Vine Street
Lexington Kentucky 40507
Phone (859) 255-1021
Fax (859) 233-1558

In addition, Lynn Imaging and the University have a web site at: www.ukplanroom.com where plans can be ordered.

Payments for Plans, Specifications and Official Bid Documents must be made to Lynn Imaging before a set of documents will be issued.

Notes: Contractors that receive plans and specifications from other sources than Lynn Imaging must request a "Form of Proposal" from the University's Purchasing Representative to be registered as plan holders and to receive addendums.

Potential Contractors must identify the position of their firm as a prime bidder, miscellaneous subcontractor, material supplier or other when ordering of picking up Plans and Specifications.

9. BID SUBMITTAL

Contractors must submit their bid in a sealed envelope in Room #322 Peterson Service Building, Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0005 and the envelope must contain the following information on the outside lower left-hand corner:

SEALED BID INVITATION NO. **CCK-2581.0-1-24**

BID DATE: **10/05/2023 at 3:00 P.M. LEXINGTON, KY TIME**

Bids, upon their receipt by the University of Kentucky, Construction Procurement Section are stamped showing the hour and date received. Bids received after the scheduled closing time for reception of bids will not be considered provided legal and accepted bids have been received on said referenced Invitation.

10. BID WITHDRAWAL

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids. Clerical errors and omissions in the computation of the lump sum shall not be cause for withdrawal of the bid without forfeiture of bid bond. Bids may be withdrawn in person only, prior to the closing date for receipt of bids.

11. UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY SUPPLIER DIVERSITY INTITATIVE

University of Kentucky Strategic Vision: As Kentucky's indispensable institution, we transform lives through diversity and inclusion, discovery, research and creativity, promotion of health and deep community engagement.

Mission: The University plays a critical leadership role by promoting diversity, inclusion, economic development, and human well-being. As the flagship institution in Kentucky, UK plays a critical leadership role for the Commonwealth by contributing to the economic development and quality of life within Kentucky's borders and beyond. The University nurtures a diverse community characterized by fairness and equal opportunity. We will diligently seek and work with companies that share our vision, mission, and values.

Supplier Diversity Goals: We are committed to increasing the purchasing of goods and services from minority, women, veteran, and disabled-owned businesses to a minimum of ten percent with an aspirational goal that equals and surpasses the diversity on our campus and in the communities we serve. In addition, UK supports non-profit work centers for the blind and disabled. All contractors are expected to reach these goals.

Bidders utilizing minority, women, veteran, and disabled-owned businesses are requested to identify these contractors and suppliers in the space provided on the Form of Proposal. The successful contractor will be asked to supply associated contract amounts rounded to the nearest \$500.00 prior to the signing of a contract.

For assistance in identifying diverse businesses and contractors please contact Marilyn Clark, Supplier Diversity Manager, University of Kentucky at mcl256@uky.edu.

12. RIGHT TO REJECT

The University of Kentucky, Construction Procurement Section, reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive all formalities and/or technicalities where the best interest of the University may be served.

13. PRE- BID CONFERENCE

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held for this project on 09/14/2023 @ 10:00 A.M. Eastern Standard Time, via Zoom: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/84593421156>.

14. WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Anyone wishing to discuss specific items is requested to submit the items in writing to Capital Construction Procurement, no later than 09/21/2023 at 1:00 PM Lexington, KY Time. Written questions can be submitted by email to Ken Scott at cckbidquestions@uky.edu or fax to 859.257.1951. **Please use the bid number and title in the 'Subject' line of your email.**

Note: Responses to Written Questions received no later than 09/21/2023 will be provided in an addendum issued on or about 09/28/2023.

15. SUBSTITUTION - MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

Bidders wishing to submit a request for consideration of an alternate under the provisions of Article 48.3 of the General Conditions to the Contract to any article, device, equipment, product, material, fixture, patented process, form, method or type of construction, or by name, make, trade name, or catalog number shall submit a written request to the University at least 14 calendar days prior to the official bid date of the Project including all necessary information and sufficient detail to allow evaluation by the Consultant and the University and, if the University determines the alternate is acceptable, an addendum will be issued allowing the change and advising all bidders of the option.

If no addendum is issued to allow the requested change, the Bidder shall assume the request is not approved and shall prepare the bid on that basis.

16. POST BID MEETING

The apparent low bidder will be requested to meet with the Construction Manager to review the bid and scope of services. The time and place of this meeting will be announced at the bid opening.

Signed:

Ken Scott

08/31/2023

Ken Scott
Contracting Officer

A Complete list of these and other projects that are out for bid may be viewed at the following URL: <https://purchasing.uky.edu/bid-and-proposal-opportunities>.