

# ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

## 1. INVITATION

Sealed proposals for the following work will be received by the University of Kentucky, 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 # **2544.1, CAER Mineral Processing Interior Renovation** as set forth in the specifications and as shown on the drawings for as prepared by OMNI Architects & CMTA and approved by the Construction Procurement Section and under the terms and conditions of this Invitation.

## 2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project includes a partial interior renovation of an existing building on the University of Kentucky's Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) campus. The building's existing Mortar and Concrete Lab is being subdivided to allow new administrative program space to exist within the current lab footprint. The newly defined spaces will include two offices and one conference room. As a part of this renovation, finish upgrades will be applied in the existing three offices. A new wall, extending to the underside of structure, is included to separate the remaining Mortar and Concrete Lab from the new conference room. Contract includes the removal of an existing prefabricated environmental chamber. The wall and ceiling assemblies will consist of a mixture of cold-formed framing and non-structural metal framing clad in gypsum board with a painted finish. New floor finishes are limited to textile composite flooring in select areas. Contractor is expected to coordinate with owner's separate contract for new environmental chamber to be installed concurrent with this contract. The total project area to be renovated is 2,856 SF.

## 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 described herein 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 (Bid Form)
2. Bid Bond

\*\*Please ensure there are no staples (check your bid bond).

4. METHOD OF AWARD

Recommendation for award of Contract will be made on the basis of the lowest responsible bid provided by a bidder determined to be capable (“responsible”) in all respects to perform the scope of work as the best value to the University.

5. SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

The time for Substantial Completion as further defined in Article 1 of the General Conditions shall be one-hundred eighty (180) consecutive calendar days from the date of commencement as specified in the Work Order letter, and Final Completion shall be thirty (30) days thereafter.

## 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 as a condition of the contract. All bonding and insurance requirements are contained in the Instruction to Bidders, General Conditions and Special Conditions. Should any of these references disagree, the Special Conditions prevail.

## 7. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS REVIEW

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

[www.ukplanroom.com](http://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](http://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 or 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-2544.1-1-25**

BID DATE: **11/7/2024 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 may 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. 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.

## 12. PRE- BID CONFERENCE

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held for this project on 10/09/24 @ 10:00AM EST A.M

CAER Lab 1, Ben Bandy Conference Room  
2540 Research Park Drive, Lexington, KY 40511

## 13. WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Anyone wishing to discuss specific items is requested to submit the items in writing to Construction Procurement, no later than 10/16/2024 at 1:00 PM Lexington, KY Time. Written questions can be submitted by email to Ken Scott at [cckbidquestions@uky.edu](mailto:cckbidquestions@uky.edu).

Please use the bid number and title in the 'Subject' line of your email.

**Note:** Responses to Written Questions received no later than 10/16/2024 will be provided in an addendum issued on or about 10/23/2024.

14. 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.

15. POST BID MEETING

The apparent low bidder may be required to meet with the Project Team to review the bid and scope of services. The time and place of this meeting will be announced after the bid opening.

Signed Brian Schwegman 10/1/24  
Procurement Officer