

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 # **2617.0, Ag Research Facility BP07** as set forth in the specifications and as shown on the drawings for as prepared by BHDP and approved by the Construction Procurement Section and under the terms and conditions of this Invitation.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project is a new construction building on the University of Kentucky main campus. The building will contain teaching and research laboratories for the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment. The building will also have Offices, Conference Rooms, a Vivarium, an Auditorium, and Rooftop Greenhouses. The building will have a concrete structure from level 1 to level 3, with steel frame construction from level 3 up.

TC-045 Final Site Hardscapes and Softscapes – This package includes grading, sidewalks, final course asphalt, topsoil, landscaping, SOD, light utility work, and site furnishings.

TC-046 – Signage – Interior building signage including room identification, wayfinding, and directories.

TC-047 – Final Cleaning – Interior and exterior construction and final cleaning of the building.

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

Contractor shall reach Substantial Completion as described below:

Substantial Completion - AG Research Lvls 1-3, Rooftop Greenhouse 18-Nov-26

Substantial Completion - Auditorium, Lvl 4 offices 14-Dec-26

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

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-2617.0-14-26

BID DATE: 2/10/2026 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.

Bids received by the deadline will be unsealed and read aloud following the deadline. The bid clerk will direct those interested to the bid opening location. There will also be an online option (Typically Zoom) for those who cannot attend in person. The link will be posted on the Bid & Proposal Opportunities page on the day of the bid opening:

<https://purchasing.uky.edu/bid-and-proposal-opportunities>

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 **1/20/2026 @ 10:00AM EST A.M.**
Via Zoom. See details on page 2.

13. WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Anyone wishing to discuss specific items is requested to submit the items in writing to Construction Procurement, no later than 1/29/2026 at 1:00 PM Lexington, KY Time. Written questions can be submitted by email to [Corey W. Leslie 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 1/29/2026 will be provided in an addendum issued on or about 2/3/2026.

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. See section 00.04 Substitution Request Form for more information.

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 Corey W. Leslie 1/13/2026
Procurement Officer