

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 the scope in bid # **CCK-3199.0-1-26 Center for Clinical & Transitional Science (CCTS) Enterprise Data Center** as set forth in the specifications and as shown on the drawings for as prepared by Morris Workshop and approved by the Construction Procurement Section and under the terms and conditions of this Invitation.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The University of Kentucky is undertaking the Center for Clinical and Transitional Science (CCTS) Enterprise Data Center expansion within the Lee T. Todd, Jr. Building. The project renovates and expands the University's HIPAA secure research data center to support growing demands for high performance computing and secure biomedical research data. Work is limited to the northwest corner of the existing first floor, with no site modifications, and increases the data center footprint to approximately 1,100 square feet to accommodate 15 additional high density computing racks, with additive alternates that would accommodate up to 25 racks and a mechanical screen.

The project includes architectural renovations, structural verification and reinforcement, and significant mechanical, electrical, plumbing, fire protection, and security upgrades. Scope includes new cooling infrastructure with modular chillers and CRAH units, expanded power and UPS systems with overhead busway distribution, enhanced fire suppression and alarm systems, redundant communications backbone, and University standard electronic security with controlled access and monitoring. All work will be performed within an active campus facility and coordinated to maintain safety, reliability, and continuity of existing operations.

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 based on 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 240 consecutive calendar days from the date of commencement as specified in the Work Order letter, and Final Completion shall be thirty (30) days thereafter.

There shall be 2 phases to the construction schedule in an effort to limit disturbance of the facility. Phase 1 shall facilitate submittal of all shop drawing submittals and material procurement for use in Phase 2. Phase 2 shall be physical construction of the project and installation of all components included in the Contract Document drawings and specifications.

Phase 1 shall be 153 days. The contractor shall not occupy or disturb any portion of the project premises, building, or functionality of the building during Phase 1.

Phase 2 shall be 90 days. In Phase 2 shall occur the physical construction of the project and installation of all components included in the Contract Document drawings and specifications.

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-3199.0-1-26**

BID DATE: **05/27/2026 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 04/30/2026 @ 10:00AM EST

Room 226
Peterson Service Building
411 S. Limestone
Lexington, KY 40506

13. WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Anyone wishing to discuss specific items is requested to submit the items in writing to Construction Procurement, no later than 05/07/2026 at 1:00 PM Lexington, KY Time. Written questions can be submitted by email to Corey W. Leslie at cckbidquestions@uky.edu.

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

Note: Responses to Written Questions received by the question deadline will be provided in an addendum issued on or about 05/14/2026.

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.

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* 04/23/2026

Procurement Officer