

Advertisement for Bids (Informal - N.C.G.S. 143-131)

Project Name: 298-McCormickAE-FY25 Lewis McCormick Field Athletic Equipment

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-131, bids will be received by Blum Construction, in association with WC Construction, as the Construction Manager @ Risk for the City of Asheville via Building Connected (using the Sealed Bid Function) until Thursday, December 19, 2024, 4:00pm, for the project described as follows:

Description of Work: The project will consist of renovations and additions to the existing +/-4,000 seat ballpark. Project scope currently being bid will include a variety of new athletic equipment, netting systems, batting cages, and wall padding. The project will feature adjustments to the current field walls, requiring new foul pole and wall / fence pads. New bullpens are also being added, which will require canopies.

Principal trade contractors are solicited for the following bid packages:

| Bid Package | Bid Package Description |
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| BP110000A | Netting Systems & Athletic Equipment |
| BP110000B | Field Wall Pads |

Bid Schedule:

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| Issuance of Advertisement for Bids | Wednesday, November 27, 2024 |
| <u>Pre-Bid Meeting, Virtual</u> (not mandatory) Via Zoom (link will be sent via Building Connected) Recording will be posted on Building Connected project site | Thursday, December 5, 2024 5:00pm |
| <u>Pre-Bid Meeting, Site Walk</u> (not mandatory) Lewis McCormick Field 30 Buchanan Pl Asheville, NC | Tuesday, December 10, 2024 |
| Deadline to Submit Questions | Monday, December 9, 2024 |
| Bids Due | Thursday, December 19, 2024 4:00pm |
| Construction Start | March 2025 for Phase 1 items Early 2026 for Phase 3 items |

Pre-Bid Meeting attendance is highly encouraged but not mandatory. The project, bid manual / bid

forms, and the City's MWBE forms / Business Inclusion Plan will be explained.

Bid Documents:

This Advertisement for Bids is posted on the City's procurement website at www.ashevillenc.gov/bids. This is *the official source* of this solicitation. Bid documents and instructions may be obtained digitally at no cost and can be found through Blum Construction's online plan room at <https://www.flblum.com/subcontractors.php>, which links to the project in Building Connected. All updates to this solicitation shall come in the form of published addenda and shall be published to the same location in Building Connected. **Neither the City nor the Construction Manager will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bid Documents including any addendum obtained from any other source.**

Information:

All questions concerning this Advertisement for Bids should be submitted via email to:

Christine Davis, Project Manager at: Christine.davis@flblum.com

Questions pertaining to the bid will be answered in the form of a written addenda posted to the project Building Connected page no later than (5) days before the opening of bids.

Standard of Award:

The award of the Contract will be made to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder, taking into consideration quality, performance, and the time specified in the bids for the performance of the contract, and who, in the opinion of the City and Blum Construction, is qualified to perform the work required and is responsible and reliable. When Alternate Bid items are required in the Bid, the Contract will be awarded to that responsible Bidder whose Bid for the Alternate or combination of Alternates, selected by the City, is the lowest, taking into consideration the same items noted above.

Blum Construction and WC Construction have a long-standing commitment to maximize minority and other HUB participation on all our projects, and we recognize the importance the City of Asheville places on minority and HUB participation. Historically underutilized and minority business participation is strongly encouraged. Blum Construction has the ability to create custom solutions to support a successful project outcome. Examples of Trade Partner Support: quick pay arrangements, modified insurance limits, bonding access or alternative bonding solutions, joint check agreements, prequalification assistance, disaggregation of bid packages, alternate options for financial statements prequalification requirements, break out of materials and equipment to support cash flow.

Bidders are hereby notified that this bid is subject to the City of Asheville's Business Inclusion (ABI) Policy's provisions and ABI MWBE Forms are required to be submitted with each bid. Questions regarding the Asheville Business Inclusion Policy may be directed to the Office of Economic Development, City of Asheville, Post Office Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802-7148 or by phone at (828) 259-8050 or by email abi@ashevillenc.gov.

Bidders are invited to show proof of MWBE status, to include NC Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses or other MWBE certifications. If not already certified with the ABI Office at the City of Asheville, bidders are further invited to become certified with the City of Asheville as an MWBE vendor. Please use this link: [ABI Certifications](#)

Payment of Taxes: Bid proposals shall include the cost of required insurance and payment of any applicable local, State, and Federal taxes. The City Council of the City of Asheville has adopted a policy that the City of Asheville will not enter into contracts with bidders who are delinquent in the payment of ad valorem taxes owed to the City of Asheville.

Bid Submittals: Blum Construction has prepared this Advertisement for Bids which identifies the services to be undertaken. In order to be considered, all bids must be submitted via Building Connected no later than the bid due date. The responsibility for getting their bid to Blum Construction on or before the specified time and date is solely and strictly the responsibility of the proposing contractor. Blum will in no way be responsible for delays caused by any occurrence.

Miscellaneous Requirements of the Bid:

- All bids must be submitted through Building Connected.
- The successful bidder may be required to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. The bid form has a place to indicate the P&P Bond add.

Bids will only be accepted from prequalified bidders.

The City of Asheville and Blum Construction reserve the right to add prequalified bidders. The City of Asheville and Blum Construction reserve the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

Information can be obtained through our online plan room at:

<https://www.flblum.com/subcontractors.php>

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