

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Formal proposals will be received by Caldwell County Schools up until 2:00 P.M., Thursday February 01, 2024 in the Office of Mr. Andy Puhl, Assistant Superintendent of Caldwell County Schools at the Education Center located at 1914 Hickory Blvd. SW, Lenoir, NC 28645, for the Mechanical Contract. This is not a public bid opening.

COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT, ESSER FUNDS PACKAGE
HUDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CALDWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS.

Bid packages may be delivered to the following address or mailed to:

Mr. Andy Puhl, Assistant Superintendent
Caldwell County Schools
1914 Hickory Blvd. SW
Lenoir, NC 28645

Bids must be received by mail before the specified time above.

Bid packages may also emailed to Don Brittain of Brittain Engineering, Inc. and copied to Mr. Andy Puhl as long as received by the specified time above.

Don Brittain email: dbrittain@brittainengineering.com

Andy Puhl email: apuhl@caldwellschools.com

If contractors email their bids, they must also email all other documentation required with the bid including Bonds on the attached forms and MBE documentation.

Hudson Elementary School is located at 200 Roy E. Coffey Drive, Hudson, NC.
The project involves the replacement of the Cooling Tower.

The Mechanical Contractor is the Prime coordinating contractor for this project. The Mechanical Contractor is therefore responsible for assuring that all work is complete in the time frame specified. All liquidated damages shall the responsibility of the Mechanical Contractor.

Note that this project is being funded by the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund and contractors are required to abide by all Federal Fund requirements including Davis-Bacon Wage requirements. (See Addendum A. Federal Compliance Obligations Notice/Contract Addendum following the Standard Form of Agreement.) Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.321 and Caldwell County Schools Procurement 8305-R1, sealed bids received from small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses for discrete portions of the work or that propose alternative delivery schedules will be considered, when economically feasible.

Complete plans and specifications for this project can be obtained from **BRITTAIN ENGINEERING, INC.**, during normal office hours located at 56 3rd St. N.W., downtown Hickory, NC - mailing address is Post Office Box 939, Hickory, North Carolina 28603, telephone number is (828) 328-1813. Complete plans and specifications will be emailed to contractors and subcontractors wishing to bid the project. Hard copies will not be provided but contractor may print as many copies as they may need for their bidding process.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cash deposit or a certified check drawn on some bank or trust company, insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, of an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the proposal, or in lieu thereof, a bidder may offer a bid bond of five percent (5%) of the bid executed by a surety company licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute the contract in accordance with the bid bond. Said deposit shall be retained by the Owner as liquidated damages in event of failure of the successful bidder to execute the contract within ten (10) days after the award or to give satisfactory surety as required by law. **Bid Bonds MUST be submitted on the form attached to Addendum B, Insurance and Bond requirements.**

A payment & performance bond is required in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the contract, and upon the payment of all persons supplying labor and furnishing materials for the construction of the project. **Performance and Payment Bonds shall be submitted on the form attached to Addendum B, Insurance and Bond requirements.**

Public Liability and Workman's Compensation Insurance is required in the amounts stipulated in the specifications. See General Conditions, Article 15 concerning contingency cash allowances. See General Conditions for Project schedule.

A Pre-bid meeting will be held at the Hudson Elementary School on Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 1:00 PM. Any and all questions shall be addressed to Brittain Engineering, Inc. For site visits, contractors shall contact Mr. Steve Soots, Maintenance Director, Caldwell County Schools, at (828) 758-7342.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and bidders based on funding, to waive informalities and to determine the low bidder in case of tie bids.

This 2nd. Day of January, 2024

Caldwell County Schools

Mr. Andy Puhl
Assistant Superintendent