

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS, INVITATION TO BID

THE TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SIMPSON STRONG-TIE MATERIALS DEMONSTRATION LAB PROJECT - MAJ 07-0039

CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN LUIS OBISPO
Facilities Planning & Capital Projects - Bldg. 70
San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

The Trustees of The California State University will receive sealed bid proposals in the Facilities Training Room, Building 70, at the address above, **before 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, July 30, 2009**, for furnishing all labor and materials for the construction of the **SIMPSON STRONG-TIE MATERIALS DEMONSTRATION LAB PROJECT**, Project Number **MAJ 07-0039**, at which time bid proposals will be publicly opened and read.

In general, the work consists of new construction of a Type II-B fully sprinklered high bay facility housing approximately 5,000 square feet of demonstration space with an approximately 1,950 square foot mezzanine. The exterior wall assembly is cast in place concrete with a translucent glazing cladding system supported by a timber frame structure, on the California Polytechnic State University campus in San Luis Obispo, California as shown on the Contract Documents. The project is naturally ventilated and no heat is provided.

All work shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Omni Design Group, 689 Tank Farm Road, Suite 140, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Contact: Thomas Reay, Project Architect at Ph: 805/544-9700, Fx: 805.544.4327. Plans and specifications may be seen at plan rooms and the University. The construction budget for this project is **\$1,880,000.00**.

Plans and specifications will be available on compact disc (CD) format only at no cost to the contractor and are available on or before **July 9, 2009**. Paper copies are not available. Distribution of the plans and specifications on CD will be done by Cal Poly. To receive a CD of the construction documents, FAX your request to 805.756.7566. Requests may also be mailed to: MAJ 07-0039, Simpson Strong-Tie Materials Demonstration Lab Project, Facilities Planning & Capital Projects, Building 70, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407, Attention: Rory O'Donnell. Requests should include: project name, project number, firm name, mailing address, phone/fax numbers, contact name & email address.

Non-mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit: Contractors should attend the **non-mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit** scheduled for **9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, July 14, 2009**. Contractors should meet at the designated time at the project site, north of the Construction Innovations Center, Building No. 186, Room B202, off of South Perimeter Road on the Cal Poly campus. Parking on campus is by paid permit only. Obtain daily parking permit, campus map, and directions at the Grand Avenue Information Center.

Familiarity with the Site: Each bidder must be familiar with the site (Contract General Conditions Article 2.04 *et seq.*).

Plan Holders List: A list of all plan rooms and contractors who have received the plans and specifications is available at the Facilities Planning website. The list is updated weekly. Click on 'Campus Projects,' then on 'Construction Projects Currently Bidding.'
http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/campusprojects/campus_proj.htm

Prequalification: Each bidder offering a proposal must comply with bidding provision of Article 2.00 *et seq.* of the Contract General Conditions. The bidder should familiarize himself/herself with all the provisions of the Contract General Conditions, especially Article 2.02, regarding the necessity to **prequalify with the Trustees (completed forms must be filed at least five days prior to the date for opening of bids and approved not less than one day prior to the date set for opening bids)**. From the website shown below, download, complete and submit the ‘Prequalification of Prospective Bidders – Standard Form of Questionnaire and Financial Statement, Form 703.11’ forms to the address indicated on page 1 of the forms. <http://www.calstate.edu/cpdc/CM/>

Prevailing Wages: This project is a public works project and is subject to prevailing wage rate laws (see Contract General Conditions, Article 4.02-c). Bidders should familiarize themselves with all the provisions of the Contract General Conditions and Supplementary General Conditions, including prevailing wage rates.

Small Business Preference: Preference will be granted to bidders properly approved as “Small Business” in accordance with Title 2, California Code of Regulations, Section 1896 *et seq.* and the application of the five percent small business bidding preference is also extended to any non-small business that commits to subcontracting at least 25% of its net bid price to California certified small businesses and/or microbusinesses (Contract General Conditions Article 2.11).

DVBE Participation: The Trustees require the successful bidder to achieve a minimum goal of three percent (3%) DVBE participation in contracting construction projects as established in the bidding documents or to provide acceptable evidence of good faith efforts to do so. Bidders shall contact the University's DVBE Coordinator, Suzanne LaCaro, Contracts, Procurement and Risk Management at 805/756-5190.

Bid Proposal Package: It will be the responsibility of each bidder to obtain a bid proposal package in sufficient time to fulfill requirements therein. Bid Proposal Packages are obtainable only by prequalified contractors, licensed in the State of California with a **B (General Building)** license. The Bid Proposal Packages must be requested from the Bid Coordinator. Contractors requesting a Bid Proposal Package should fax a written request along with a copy of their CSU Prequalification letter to the Bid Coordinator, Rory O'Donnell, Facilities Planning & Capital Projects, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407. Fax: 805.756.7566.

Bonds: A bid security in an amount equal to at least 10% of the amount of the bid (see Article 2.06(c) of the Contract General Conditions) is required. Contractor must use Bid Bond Form supplied by the University without alteration. Payment and Performance Bonds in the amount of 100% of the awarded contract price will be required of the successful bidder.

Contract Time: The time period for completion of the overall project shall be **330 calendar days** from the date of the Notice to Proceed.

Liquidated Damages: Liquidated damages shall be **\$500.00** for each calendar day completion is delayed beyond the time prescribed for the project.