

San Joaquin County Administration Building Retail Space Improvements Project

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Joaquin, State of California, at the Capital Projects Division, 222 East Weber Avenue 6th Floor, Room 678, Stockton, California, 95202, until 2:00 o'clock, PM, May 12, 2009, for furnishing all labor, material, tax, transportation, equipment, and services necessary for the construction and completion of the SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING RETAIL SPACE IMPROVEMENTS, California, all in accordance with the specifications and working details and other contract documents now on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Seventh Floor, Courthouse, located as noted above.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a mandatory prebid conference for all bidders is tentatively scheduled for April 30, 2009 at 2:00 PM at the Capital Projects Division 222 East Weber Avenue 6th Floor, Room 678. Bids will not be accepted from any contractor not attending this prebid conference.

Bids will be opened and tabulated by or on behalf of said Board at the Facilities Capital Projects Division immediately after 2:00 o'clock, PM, on said May 12, 2009.

Copies of the contract documents may be purchased through Stockton Blue Plan Well @ www.stocktonblue.com, or at the Stockton Blue Office, 1421 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202, (209) 464-6012. If you have any questions or problems obtaining the contract documents, please call Jim Brown, Capital Projects at (209) 468-4542.

Bids must be from appropriately licensed contractors, must be sealed and accompanied by certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond made payable to the County of San Joaquin in the sum of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. The check or bonds shall be given as a guarantee that the successful bidder will enter into a written contract within ten (10) calendar days after being requested to do so and will be considered as the stipulated amount of liquidated damages in the event the bidder is unable to or refuses to execute a contract for the work.

Bidders are hereby notified that pursuant to Section 1770 et seq. of the Labor Code of the State of California, the Director of Industrial Relations has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and rates for overtime and holiday work in the locality in which the work is to be performed for each craft, classification or type of workman needed to execute the contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder. Copies are on file with and available upon request from the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Any classification omitted herein shall be paid not less than the minimum basic rate per hour plus employer payments as
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set forth in the collective bargaining agreement then applicable to the class or classification of workmen or mechanics employed as defined in Section 1773.1 of the Labor Code of the State of California.

It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom a contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than the above specified rates to all laborers, workmen, and mechanics employed by them in the execution of the contract, and, in the event the above specified rates do not reflect wages agreed upon in the latest contract negotiations, the rate paid shall conform to such revised rates.

Attention is directed to the provisions of Sections 1777.5 and 1777.6 of the Labor Code of the State of California concerning employment of apprentices by the contractor or any subcontractor under him. The prime contractor is responsible for compliance with the requirements of Section 1777.5 and the prime contractor and any sub-contractor under him shall comply with the requirements of Section 1777.6.

San Joaquin County has adopted a goal to encourage local hire participation in the construction workforce in accordance with Board of Supervisors policy.

- a. Contracts estimated by the County to be less than \$100,000 do not have a local hire goal.
- b. Contracts estimated by the County to cost between \$100,000 and \$250,000 request, but do not require, a demonstration of effort to employ local hire.
- c. Contracts estimated by the County to cost \$250,000 or more require the successful bidder to demonstrate an intended attempt to employ local hire.

Bids shall be made upon the form provided by the Owner and shall be properly completed with all items filled out; numbers shall be in writing and figures; the signatures of all persons signing shall be in longhand. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of **(65)** calendar days after the time set for the opening of bids, and the Board will act to accept or reject bids within that period of time.

Upon the contractor's request, the Owner will make payment of funds withheld from progress payments pursuant to the requirements of Government Code Section 4590 if the contractor deposits in escrow with the Owner's Treasurer or with a bank acceptable to the Owner, securities eligible for the investment under Government Code Section 16430 or bank or savings and loan certificates of deposit, upon the following conditions:

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- a. The contractor shall bear the expense of the Owner and the escrow agent, either the Owner's Treasurer or the bank, in connection with the escrow deposit made.
- b. Securities or certificates of deposit to be placed in escrow shall be of a value at least equivalent to the amounts of retention to be paid to the contractor pursuant to this section.
- c. The contractor shall enter into an escrow agreement satisfactory to the Owner, which agreement shall include provisions governing inter alia:
 - (1) the amount of securities to be deposited,
 - (2) the providing of powers of attorney or other documents necessary for the transfer of the securities to be deposited,
 - (3) conversion to cash to provide funds to meet defaults by the contractor, including, but not limited to, termination of the contractor's control over the work, stop notices filed pursuant to law, assessment of liquidated damages or other amounts to be kept or retained under the provisions of the contract,
 - (4) decrease in value of securities on deposit,
 - (5) the termination of the escrow upon completion of the contract.
- d. The contractor shall obtain the written consent of the surety to such agreement.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and further reserves the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bids.