

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Western Carolina University in Cullowhee NC, in the office of Facilities Management up to 3:00 pm March 5, 2024 and immediately thereafter publicly opened and read for the furnishing of labor, material and equipment entering into the construction of

Early Joyner Drive Infrastructure Package

The general scope of this project involves the following:

- Realignment of Joyner Drive/Circle Drive intersection to create more efficient traffic pattern and easier gradients
- Widening of Joyner Drive to a two-lane road
- Sidewalk addition for both sides of Joyner Drive
- Electrical lighting infrastructure improvements

Bids will be received for Single Prime General Contractor All proposals shall be lump sum.

Pre-Bid Meeting

An open pre-bid meeting will be held for all interested bidders on February 13, 2024 The meeting will address project specific questions, issues, bidding procedures and bid forms..

The meeting is also to identify preferred brand alternates and their performance standards that the owner will consider for approval on this project.

In accordance with General Statute GS 133-3, Specifications may list one or more preferred brands as an alternate to the base bid in limited circumstances. Specifications containing a preferred brand alternate under this section must identify the performance standards that support the preference. Performance standards for the preference must be approved in advance by the owner in an open meeting. Any alternate approved by the owner shall be approved only where (i) the preferred alternate will provide cost savings, maintain or improve the functioning of any process or system affected by the preferred item or items, or both, and (ii) a justification identifying these criteria is made available in writing to the public.

In accordance with GS133-3 and SCO procedures the following preferred brand items are being considered as Alternates by the owner for this project:

N/A

Justification of any approvals will be made available to the public in writing no later than seven (7) days prior to bid date.

Complete plans, specifications and contract documents will be open for inspection at the following:

Western Carolina University Facilities Management

Jenkins Peer Architects at 112 South Tryon Street, Suite 1300, Charlotte, NC 28284

The electronic plan rooms of: Associated General Contractors, Carolinas Branch; McGraw-Hill Dodge Corporation; Reed Construction Data (RCD); Hispanic Contractors Association of the Carolinas (HCAC) in Winston-Salem, Charlotte and Raleigh Areas – 877-227-1680

The Cherokee Business Development Center, PO Box 1200, Ginger Lynn Welch Complex, 810 Acquoni Road, Cherokee, NC 28719, Phone: 828-497 1666.

All contractors are hereby notified that they must have proper license as required under the state laws governing their respective trades.

General contractors are notified that Chapter 87, Article 1, General Statutes of North Carolina, will be observed in receiving and awarding general contracts. General contractors submitting bids on this project must have license classification for Building Contractor – Unlimited

NOTE--SINGLE PRIME CONTRACTS: Under GS 87-1, a contractor that superintends or manages construction of any building, highway, public utility, grading, structure or improvement shall be deemed a "general contractor" and shall be so licensed. Therefore a single prime project that involves other trades will require the single prime contractor to hold a proper General Contractors license. **EXCEPT:** On public buildings being bid single prime, where the total value of the general construction does not exceed 25% of the total construction value, contractors under GS87- Arts 2 and 4 (Plumbing, Mechanical & Electrical) may bid and contract directly with the Owner as the SINGLE PRIME CONTRACTOR and may subcontract to other properly licensed trades. [GS87-1.1- Rules .0210](#)

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 days after the award or to give satisfactory surety as required by law.

A performance bond and a payment bond will be required for one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

Payment will be made based on ninety-five percent (95%) of monthly estimates and final payment made upon completion and acceptance of work.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of 30 days.

The owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

Designer:

Jenkins Peer Architects
112 S Tryon St, Ste. 1300
Charlotte, NC 28284
704-372-6665

Owner:

Western Carolina University
156 Joyner Drive
Cullowhee, NC 28723