



THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR BEN SHEPPARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida (Board), intends to award one Construction firm for the following General Obligation Bond (GOB) project:

**PROJECT NO. 01423500
BEN SHEPPARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ADDITIONS AND RENOVATIONS
5700 WEST 24TH AVENUE
HIALEAH, FL 33016**

BIDS DUE: Sealed bids will be received by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for the project listed herein, until 2:00 P.M. local time, Thursday, the 12th day of October, 2017, at 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Room 650, Miami, Florida, following which time and place, or as soon there-after as the Board can attend to the same, the said bids will be publicly opened, read and tabulated in the Board Auditorium, Miami-Dade County School Board Administration Building, by an authorized representative of the Board. Award of the contract will be made to the lowest, pre-qualified responsible and responsive bidder for the actual amount bid considering base bid and accepted alternates (if any) as listed in the bidding documents. The Board will award the contract based upon the results of the tabulations as covered by applicable laws and regulations.

Bidders desiring to participate in this solicitation must be pre-qualified by the Board prior to submitting their bid in response to this solicitation. Contact the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Office of Economic Opportunity at (305) 995-1307 for information regarding Contractors' Pre-qualification procedures.

QUESTIONS: Written questions regarding this project will be accepted. All written communications must be sent to the Project Architect/Engineer, Laura Perez (laura1@lmptc.com), Laura M. Perez and Associates Inc, 2401 N.W. 7 Street, Miami Florida 33125.

MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE (Ben Sheppard Elementary School): Tuesday September 19th, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. local time, at Ben Sheppard Elementary School, 5700 West 24th Avenue, Hialeah Florida. There will be a sign-in period from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Potential bidders arriving after the fifteen (15) minute sign-in period will not be allowed to participate in this solicitation. Proposals submitted by firms not represented at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will not be considered.

BOARD POLICIES:

Cone of Silence

A Cone of Silence, pursuant to **Board Policy 6325**, shall commence with the issuance of this Legal Advertisement and shall terminate at the time the item is presented by the Superintendent to the appropriate Board committee immediately prior to the Board meeting at which the Board will award or approve a contract, reject all bids or responses, or take any other action that ends the solicitation and review process. Any violation of this rule shall be investigated by the Board's Inspector General and shall result in the disqualification of the potential applicant from the competitive solicitation process, rejection of any recommendation for award, or the revocation of an award to the vendor as being void, rendering void any previous or prior awards. The potential vendor or vendor's representative determined to have violated this rule, shall be subject to debarment.

General questions regarding the legal advertisement will be sent to the Office of Capital Improvement Projects via email at ocip@dadeschools.net, and a copy filed with the Clerk of the School Board at celiarubio@dadeschools.net (or at 1450 NE 2nd Avenue, Room 311, Miami, Florida 33132), who shall make copies available to the public upon request.

Lobbyist

Lobbyist requirements, pursuant to **Board Policy 8150**, shall be applicable to this solicitation and all proposers and lobbyists

shall strictly conform to, and be governed by, the requirements set forth therein. Contact the Clerk of the School Board for additional information.

Vendor and Employment Preference

Local-Vendor Preference, pursuant to **Board Policy 6320.05**, shall apply to this solicitation. Based on Board policy, Local Business means a vendor or business that has a valid business tax receipt, issued by a jurisdiction located in Miami-Dade County, that has either (1) its headquarters, manufacturing facility, or locally-owned franchise located within the legal boundaries of Miami Dade County, for at least twelve (12) months, or (2) has an office with a street address within the boundaries of Miami-Dade County for at least twenty-four (24) months, calculated from the bid or proposal opening date. Post office boxes are not verifiable and shall not be used for the purpose of establishing said physical address. In order to be considered for local preference, vendors must provide a copy of their business tax receipt and the Local Business Affidavit of Eligibility with their proposal. Proposers who fail to submit the required documents will not be considered for Vendor Preference.

Jessica Lunsford Act

The successful proposer(s) shall fully comply with the State of Florida's House Bill 1877 "Jessica Lunsford Act" (JLA); FS 1012.465, 1012.32, 1012.467 & 1012.468 and **Board Policy 4121.01**, Employment Standards and Fingerprinting of all Employees (also refer to Board Policy 8475).

Ethics, Conflict of Interest and Anti-Fraud

Proposers responding to this solicitation shall comply with the following ethics, conflict of interest and anti-fraud policies:

- **Board Policy 6460**, Business Code of Ethics;
- **Board Policy 6460**, Disclosure of Employment of Former School Board Employees;
- **Board Policy 8700**, Anti-Fraud; and all related Board policies and procedures, as applicable

Contractor Debarment Procedures

Pursuant to **Board Policy 6320.04**, Contractor Discipline Procedures, debarred contractors are excluded from conducting business with the Board as agents, representatives, partners, and associates of other contractors, subcontractors or individual sureties.

Commercial Anti-discrimination, Diversity, and Inclusion

Proposers responding to this solicitation shall comply with the following anti-discrimination policies:

- **Board Policy 6465**, Commercial Anti-discrimination, Diversity, and Inclusion (proposers shall be required to certify compliance with Board Policy 6465);
- **Board Policy 1362.02, 3362.02 and 4362.02**, Anti-discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedure; and
- all related Board policies and procedures, as applicable

SMBE & M/WBE Programs

SMBE & M/WBE Programs, in accordance with **Board Policy 6320.02** and the "Small/Micro Business Enterprise Program Administrative Procedures Manual" Board-approved May 8, 2014, shall be applicable to this solicitation. Contact the Office of Economic Opportunity at 305-995-1307 or OEO@dadeschools.net for list of certified firms.

Protest

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed and in the manner specified in **Board Policy 6320** (Purchase Approval and Competitive Bidding Process Requirements) or in accordance with FS Section 120.57(3) shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under FS Chapter 120.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The proposer acknowledges that all information contained in their RFQ Response is part of public domain as defined by the State of Florida Sunshine Law. Therefore, any information received is subject to public inspection and copying in accordance with FS [119](#). No action on the part of the proposer would create an obligation of confidentiality on the part of the School Board including, but not limited to, making a reference in the RFQ Response to trade secrets FS [812.081](#) and [815.045](#). It is recommended that potential proposers exclude from their response any information that, in their judgment, may be considered a trade secret.

Board policies, as amended from time to time, can be accessed and downloaded at: <http://www.neola.com/miamidade-fl/>.

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Pre-qualified bidders may obtain a CD of the documents for construction at no cost or a full set of printed documents for construction at the bidder’s expense from the office of **Go Green Document Solutions, Inc., 3715 Grand Avenue, Coconut Grove, Florida 33133, on and after September 5, 2017.**

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Assistance levels have been established at:

Ben Sheppard Elementary School: MBE/SBE Mandatory Subcontracting Goals: **20%** Construction and 20% Local Work Force, within a 7.5-mile radius.

Aspirational M/WBE Subcontracting Goals: **10%** African American and **5%** Women

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

Legal Ad to Run: Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Monday, September 11, 2017
Monday, September 18, 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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