



INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Each bid submitted to the Redwoods Community College District (“District”) for the **Athletics Field Upgrade Football ADA Access Project #534** (“Project”) shall be in accordance with the following instructions and requirements, which are part of the Contract Documents for this Project.

1. Deadline For Receipt of Bids. Each bid shall be sealed and submitted to the office of Steven Roper, Director of Facilities and Planning, Eureka California County of Humboldt, California no later than 11am on 2/5/2018. The District suggests that bids be hand delivered in order to ensure their timely receipt. Any bids received after the time stated, regardless of the reason, shall be returned, unopened, to the bidder.
2. Bidders’ Conference. [If Required] A mandatory bidders’ conference will be held on 1/16/2018 at 11am, for the purpose of acquainting all prospective bidders with the Contract Documents and the Project site. It is imperative that all prospective bidders attend this conference. The failure to attend the conference may result in the disqualification of the bid of the non-attending bidder.
3. Requests for Information. A bidder’s failure to request clarification or interpretation of an apparent error, inconsistency or ambiguity in the Contract Documents waives that bidder’s right to thereafter claim entitlement to additional compensation based upon an ambiguity, inconsistency, or error, which should have been discovered by a reasonably prudent Contractor, subject to the limitations of Public Contract Code §1104. Any questions relative to the bid shall be in writing and directed to the office of Steven Roper, Director of Facilities and Planning, Eureka California County of Humboldt, California. These requests shall be submitted to the District at least five working days prior to the date the bid is due. INTERPRETATION OF DOCUMENTS: In all cases of conflict, the Specifications shall supersede the Drawings. Should a bidder find discrepancies and/or omissions or should he be in doubt as to their meaning, he shall at once notify Jennifer Anderson, Senior Project Manager, STV vbn, 505 14th Street, Suite 1060, Oakland, CA 94612, 510-763-1313, Jennifer.anderston@stvinc.com, and should it be found necessary, a written addendum will be sent to all bidders. The Architect will not be responsible for any oral interpretations or instructions.
4. Bid Proposal Forms. All bid proposals shall be made on the form provided by the District. All items on the form shall be filled out in ink. Numbers should be stated in figures, and the signatures of all individuals must be in long hand. The completed form should be without interlineations, alterations, or erasures
5. Execution of Forms. Each bid shall give the full business address of the bidder and must be signed by the bidder or bidder’s authorized representative with his or her usual signature. Bids by partnerships must furnish the full names of all partners and must be signed in the partnership name by a general partner with authority to bind the partnership in such matters. Bids by corporations must be signed with the legal name of the corporation, followed by the

signature and designation of the president, secretary, or other person authorized to bind the corporation in this matter. The name of each person signing shall also be typed or printed below the signature. When requested by the District, satisfactory evidence of the authority of the officer signing on behalf of the corporation or partnership shall be furnished. A bidder's failure to properly sign required forms may result in rejection of the bid. All bids must include the bidder's contractor license number(s) and expiration date(s).

6. Bid Security. Bid proposals shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check or bid bond for an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid amount, payable to the District. A bid bond shall be secured from an admitted surety company, licensed in the State of California, and satisfactory to the District. The bid security shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into the Contract if awarded the work, and in the case of refusal or failure to enter into the Contract within ten (10) calendar days after notification of the award of the Contract or failure to provide the payment and performance bonds and proof of insurance as required by the Contract Documents, the District shall have the right to award the Contract to another bidder and declare the bid security forfeited. The District reserves the right to pursue all other remedies in law or equity relating to such a breach including, but not limited to, seeking recovery of damages for breach of contract. Failure to provide bid security, or bid security in the proper amount, shall result in rejection of the bid.
7. Withdrawal of Bid Proposals. Bid proposals may be withdrawn by the bidders prior to the time fixed for the opening of bids, but may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids, except as permitted pursuant to Public Contract Code §5103.
8. Addenda or Bulletins. The District reserves the right to issue addenda or bulletins prior to the opening of the bids, subject to the limitations of Public Contract Code §4104.5. Any addenda or bulletins issued prior to bid time shall be considered a part of the Contract Documents.
9. Bonds. The successful bidder shall be required to submit payment and performance bonds as specified in and using the bond forms included with the Contract Documents. All required bonds shall be based on the maximum total contract price as awarded, including additive alternates, if applicable.
10. Rejection of Bids and Award of Contract. The District reserves the right to waive any irregularities in the bid and reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Contract will be awarded, if at all, within sixty (60) calendar days after the opening of bids to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, subject to Governing Board approval. The time for awarding the Contract may be extended by the District with the consent of the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.
11. Execution of Contract. The successful bidder shall, within ten (10) calendar days of the Notice of Award of the Contract, sign and deliver to the District the executed contract along with the bonds and certificates of insurance required by the Contract Documents. In the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to execute the Contract or fails to provide the bonds and certificates as required, the District may declare the bidder's bid deposit or bond

forfeited as liquidated damages, and may award the work to the next lowest responsible, responsive bidder, or may reject all bids and, in its sole discretion, call for new bids. In all cases, the District reserves the right, without any liability, to cancel the award of Contract at any time prior to the full execution of the Contract.

12. Drawings and Specifications. All drawings, specifications and other documents used or prepared during the project shall be the exclusive property of the District.
13. Evidence of Responsibility. Upon the request of the District, a bidder shall submit promptly to the District satisfactory evidence showing the bidder's financial resources, the bidder's experience in the type of work being required by the District, the bidder's availability to perform the Contract and any other required evidence of the bidder's qualifications and responsibility to perform the Contract. The District may consider such evidence before making its decision to award the Contract. Failure to submit requested evidence may result in rejection of the bid.
14. Taxes. Applicable taxes shall be included in the bid prices.
15. Bid Exceptions. Bid exceptions are not allowed. If the Bidder has a comment regarding the bid documents or the scope of work, the Bidder shall submit those comments to the District for evaluation at least five working days prior to the opening of the bids. No oral or telephonic modification of any bid submitted will be considered and a sealed written modification may be considered only if received prior to the opening of bids. E-mailed or faxed bids or modifications will not be accepted.
16. Discounts. Any discounts which the bidder desires to provide the District must be stated clearly on the bid form itself so that the District can calculate the net cost of the bid proposal. Offers of discounts or additional services not delineated on the bid form will not be considered by the District in the determination of the lowest responsible responsive bidder.
17. Quantities. The quantities shown on the plans and specifications are approximate. The District reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as desired.
18. Prices. Bidders must quote prices F.O.B. unless otherwise noted. Prices should be stated in the units specified and bidders should quote each item separately.
19. Samples. On request, samples of the products being bid shall be furnished to the District.
20. Special Brand Names/Substitutions. In describing any item, the use of a manufacturer or special brand does not restrict bidding to that manufacturer or special brand, but is intended only to indicate quality and type of item desired, except as provided in §3400 of the Public Contract Code. Substitute products will be considered either prior to or after the award of the Contract in accordance with §3400 and as set forth in either the Supplemental Conditions or the Specifications. All data substantiating the proposed substitute as an

"equal" item shall be submitted with the written request for substitution. The District reserves the right to make all final decisions on product and vendor selection.

21. Container Costs and Delivery. All costs for containers shall be borne by the bidder. All products shall conform to the provisions set forth in the federal, county, state and city laws for their production, handling, processing and labeling. Packages shall be so constructed to ensure safe transportation to the point of delivery.
22. Bid Negotiations. A bid response to any specific item of the bid using terms such as "negotiable," "will negotiate," or similar phrases, will be considered non-responsive.
23. Prevailing Law. In the event of any conflict or ambiguity between these instructions and state or federal law or regulations, the latter shall prevail. All equipment to be supplied or services to be performed under the bid proposal shall conform to all applicable requirements of local, state and federal law, including, but not limited to, Labor Code §§1771, 1778 and 1779.
24. Allowances. An "allowance" means an amount included in the bid proposal for work that may or may not be included in the Project, depending on conditions that will become known only after the Project is underway.
25. Subcontractors. Pursuant to the Subletting and Subcontracting Fair Practices Act, Public Contract Code §§4100-4114, every bidder shall, on the enclosed Subcontractor List Form, set forth:
 - a. The name and location of the place of business of each Subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render service to the bidder in or about the work or fabricate and install work in an amount in excess of one-half (1/2) of the one percent (1%) of the bidder's total bid.
 - b. If the bidder fails to specify a Subcontractor for any portion of the work to be performed under the Contract in excess of one-half (1/2) of one percent (1%) of the bidder's total bid, bidder agrees that bidder is fully qualified to and shall perform that portion of the work. The successful bidder shall not, without the written consent of the District or compliance with Public Contract Code §§4100 - 4114, either:
 - 1) Substitute any person as Subcontractor in place of the Subcontractor designated in the original bid;
 - 2) Permit any subcontract to be voluntarily assigned or transferred or allow the work to be performed by anyone other than the original Subcontractor listed in the bid; or
 - 3) Sublet or subcontract any portion of the work in excess of one-half (1/2) of one percent (1%) of the total bid as to which the bidder's original bid did not designate a Subcontractor.

26. Examination of Contract Documents and Work Site. Before submitting a bid proposal, all bidders shall carefully examine the Contract Documents, including the plans and specifications, shall visit the site of the proposed work, and shall fully inform themselves of all conditions in and about the work site, as well as applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations that may affect the work. No bidder shall visit the site without prior authorization of the District. Bidders shall contact the District Superintendent or designee for coordination of site visits.
27. Form and Approval of Contract. The Contract Documents must be approved by the Governing Board of the District and its legal counsel. The bidder selected by the District shall execute the contract provided by the District.
28. Licenses and Permits. Each bidder shall at all times possess all appropriate and required licenses or other permits to perform the work as identified in the Contract Documents. Upon request, each bidder shall furnish the District with evidence demonstrating possession of the required licenses or permits.
29. Denial of Right to Bid. Contractors or Subcontractors who have violated state law governing public works shall be denied the right to bid on this public works contract pursuant to Labor Code §1777.7.
30. Bidders Interested in More Than One Bid. No person, firm, or corporation shall make, or file, or be interested in more than one bid. However, a person, firm, or corporation that has submitted a subproposal to a bidder, or that has quoted prices of materials to a bidder, is not thereby disqualified from submitting a sub-proposal or quoting prices to other bidders or from submitting a prime proposal.
31. Contractor's State License Board. Contractors and Subcontractors are required by law to be licensed and regulated by the California Contractors' License Board.
32. Labor Compliance. The project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the California Department of Industrial Relations. **In accordance with SB 854, all bidders, contractors and subcontractors working at the site shall be duly registered with the Department of Industrial Relations at time of bid opening and at all relevant times.** Proof of registration shall be provided as to all such contractors prior to the commencement of any work.
34. Additive and Deductive Items: Method of Determining Lowest Bid. Pursuant to Public Contract Code §20103.8, if the bid solicitation includes additive and/or deductive items, the checked [X] method shall be used to determine the lowest bid:
 - (a) The lowest bid shall be the lowest bid price on the base contract without consideration of the prices on the additive or deductive items.
 - (b) The lowest bid shall be the lowest total of the bid prices on the base contract and

those additive or deductive items that were specifically identified in the bid solicitation or Bid Proposal Form as being used for the purpose of determining the lowest bid price.

(c) The lowest bid shall be the lowest total of the bid prices on the base contract and those additive or deductive items taken in order from a specifically identified list of those items that, when in the solicitation, and added to, or subtracted from, the base contract, are less than, or equal to, a funding amount publicly disclosed by the District before the first bid is opened.

(d) The lowest bid shall be determined in a manner that prevents any information that would identify any of the bidders or the proposed Subcontractors or suppliers from being revealed to the public entity before the ranking of all bidders from lowest to highest has been determined.

If no method is checked, sub-paragraph (a) shall be used to determine the lowest bid.

Notwithstanding the method used by the District to determine the lowest responsible bidder, the District retains the right to add to or deduct from the Contract any of the items included in the bid solicitation.

35. Bid Protest. Any bid protest must be in writing and received by the District Office before 5:00 p.m. no later than three (3) working days following bid opening and shall comply with the following requirements:

- a. The bid protest must contain a complete statement of the basis for the protest and all supporting documentation.
- b. The party filing the protest must have actually submitted a bid for the Project. A Subcontractor of a bidder submitting a bid for the Project may not submit a bid protest. A bidder may not rely on the bid protest submitted by another bidder, but must timely pursue its own protest.
- c. The protest must refer to the specific portion or portions of the Contract Documents upon which the protest is based.
- d. The protest must include the name, address and telephone number of the person representing the protesting bidder.
- e. The bidder filing the protest must concurrently transmit a copy of the bid protest and all supporting documentation to all other bidders with a direct financial interest which may be affected by the outcome of the protest, including all other bidders who appear to have a reasonable prospect of receiving an award depending upon the outcome of the protest.
- f. The bidder whose bid has been protested may submit a written response to the bid protest. Such response shall be submitted to the District before 5 p.m. no later than two (2) working days after the deadline for submission of the bid protest or receipt

of the bid protest, whichever is sooner, and shall include all supporting documentation. Such response shall also be transmitted concurrently to the protesting bidder and to all other bidders who appear to have a reasonable prospect of receiving an award depending upon the outcome of the protest.

- g. The procedure and time limits set forth in this section are mandatory and are the bidder's sole and exclusive remedy in the event of bid protest. The bidder's failure to comply with these procedures shall constitute a waiver of any right to further pursue the bid protest, including filing a Government Code claim or legal proceedings.
- h. If the District determines that a protest is frivolous, the protesting bidder may be determined to be non-responsible and that bidder may be determined to be ineligible for future contract awards by the District.
- i. A "working day" for purposes of this section means a weekday during which the District's office is open and conducting business, regardless of whether or not school is in session.