

## QUESTION & ANSWERS SUMMARY

**RFP# COG-2131**

### **Job Order Contracting Services in the State of Illinois**

#### **Question 1**

Are items 1A through 5A on Bid Form 1 referring to the same item as the contract numbers A, B, C, D, E, etc. on the solicitation tables?

#### **Answer 1**

No. 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, and 5A on Bid Form 1 are used to identify the sequence of questions and does not refer to the specific contract opportunities or numbers. It worth noting that a bidder must complete and submit Bid Form 1 & 2 for each of the contract opportunities a bidder wishes to compete to win. Please review the Submission Instruction for additional clarification.

#### **Question 2**

Bid Form 13 references Ohio and Ohio statutes. Please provide an updated form for Illinois with the correct references.

#### **Answer 2**

Bid Form 13 is required by CCOG, an Ohio public agency subject to Ohio Laws. As stated in the introductory paragraph of Bid Form 13, CCOG may not enter into contracts with any suppliers who have been found to be ineligible for state contracts under specific federal or Ohio statutes or regulations. CCOG is the procuring agency and will be one of the parties to the Master Agreement. If there are any other requirements to do business with Illinois public agencies, those public agencies should notify you as they qualify your organization to provide the work.

#### **Question 3**

Bid Form 15 references Ohio statute. Please provide an updated form for Illinois with the correct references.

#### **Answer 3**

Bid Form 15 is required by CCOG, an Ohio public agency subject to Ohio Laws. As stated in the introductory paragraph of Bid Form 15, O.R.C. Chapter 9.24 prohibits CCOG from awarding a contract to any entity against whom the Auditor of State has issued a finding for recovery, if such finding for recovery is “unresolved” at the time of award. CCOG is the procuring agency and will be one of the parties to the Master Agreement. If there are any other requirements to do business with Illinois public agencies, those public agencies should notify you as they qualify your organization to provide the work.

**Question 4**

Section 1. Point 9 Review Process Caveats indicates that adjustment factors must establish a Competitive Range. As a GC self performing union Carpentry and Painting, we will need to utilize prevailing wage rates for all adjustment factors. As the Gordian reimbursement rates are extremely low for scab rates, the reasonable solution for utilizing union labor is a high adjustment factor on non prevailing wage rate projects. This is in direct conflict with the competitive range requirements. Please clarify

**Answer 4**

In reference to RFP document Section One: Part C, article 9 - Review Process Caveats, this article is in place to allow the Bid Evaluation Team the opportunity to establish a competitive range, if it has been determined that the bidder has mathematically unbalanced their bid to gain a competitive advantage, or have responded with an adjustment factor that dramatically exceeds current market conditions. The bidder's Adjustment Factors shall include all of the bidder's direct and indirect costs including, but not limited to, its costs for overhead, profit, bond premiums above the reimbursable amount, insurance, mobilization, Purchase Order Proposal development, and all contingencies in connection therewith. See pages 00-1 – 00-6 of Book 3 – the CTC for a complete explanation of what is included in the Unit Prices and what is not.

**Question 5**

3pm EST; 2pm CST, correct?

**Answer 5**

Correct.

**Question 6**

In today's market, material costs are rising almost weekly. Will material cost adjustments be allowed during this process?

**Answer 6**

The Construction Task Catalog issued with this solicitation will be in effect for the first year of this contract (i.e., until December 31, 2022). On the anniversary of this contract (i.e. January 1, 2023 and each January 1st thereafter during the term) a new Construction Task Catalog will be furnished to address the escalation or de-escalation of costs of materials and services. The new Construction Task Catalog will be effective for the 12-month period after the anniversary date.

In the event of a major spike in material costs adjustments can be made by following the process outlined in section 3, Part A – General Terms and Conditions; Article 65 Material Price Spike Adjustment.

**Question 7**

Does a General Contractor have to self-perform the work?

**Answer 7**

Contractor(s) for the Mechanical/HVAC Construction, Electrical Construction, Plumbing Construction, Roofing Construction, Paving, and Paving Asphalt/Concrete Construction will perform with its own organization and forces not less the 51% of the total amount of labor hours performed at the project site through the working foreperson level. The percentage calculation does not include field superintendents or office management personnel.

**Question 8**

How do we capture material cost increases throughout any given year? material costs are going up monthly

**Answer 8**

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In the event of a major spike in material costs adjustments can be made by following the process outlined in Section 3, Part A – General Terms and Conditions; Article 65 Material Price Spike Adjustment.

**Question 9**

If we are submitting for multiple regions, should each region be a separate upload?

**Answer 9**

They can be submitted in the bidders preferred format. It is the responsibility of each bidder to make sure they submit all the required documents included in their proposal.

**Question 10**

Should the forms be submitted in the format that they were issued or can they be submitted as PDF?

**Answer 10**

They can be submitted in the bidders preferred format.

**Question 11**

Can you email the sample adj factor?

**Answer 11**

They sample adjustment factor will be included in the recording of the Pre-Bid meeting. Prospective bidders can find the recording of the Pre-Bid webinar meeting by finding the url sent out in a Public Notice via Bonfire on Mar 17th 2022, 3:28 PM EDT.

**Question 12**

Is there a Required bond limit for this IFB?

**Answer 12**

There is no required bond capacity. However, Bid Form 5: Bonding Capacity Statement requests that you a letter from your bonding company setting forth your company's available bonding capacity and availability and confirming that, if required, your company could provide labor and material payment bonds and performance bonds for certain projects up to the bonding capacity.

**Question 13**

How may contractors being selected?

**Answer 13**

The solicitation tables in Section One, Part 3 provide a breakdown of the number of contract available for award in each geographic region and construction trade.