

NOTICE TO BIDDERS / ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

GEORGE C. SIMKINS JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Samet Corporation / SRS, Inc. a joint venture (SSJV) as Construction Manager for the Guilford County Board of Education will receive sealed bid proposals from *Pre-qualified Bidders* until **2:00 PM on June 11, 2013** for the Building Work Scope applicable to the New Elementary School. Each Bid Package included within the bid documents are enumerated below. Sealed bids shall be addressed to Samet Corporation / SRS, Inc. a joint venture and will be received at the Guilford County Schools, Room 104 at 501 West Washington Street, Greensboro, NC 27401. At that time as enumerated above all sealed bids received will be opened publicly and read aloud.

BID PACK TWO BID DATE: June 11, 2013; BID OPENING TIME: 2:00 PM

- Package 02D Site Concrete& Sidewalk
- Package 02E Fences & Gates
- Package 02F Landscaping and Walking Track
- Package 03A Concrete Foundations, Walls & Slabs
- Package 04A Masonry
- Package 05A Structural Steel (Furnish & Erect)
- Package 07A Damp proofing, Waterproofing & Joint Sealants
- Package 07B TPO Membrane Roofing
- Package 07C Architectural Standing Seam Roofing
- Package 08A Doors, Frames, Hardware, Accessories & Specialties (Material Purchase Order)
- Package 08B Doors, Hardware & Accessories, Markerboards Installation
- Package 08C Doors, Frames, Hardware, Accessories & FP Specialties, Toilet Partitions and Markerboards (Material Purchase Order & Installation Combined)
- Package 08D Overhead Coiling Door
- Package 08E Aluminum Storefront, Glass & Glazing
- Package 09A Drywall, Metal Studs, Insulation & Carpentry
- Package 09B Acoustical Ceilings
- Package 09C Hard Tile and Terrazzo Flooring
- Package 09D Resilient Tile & Carpet Flooring
- Package 10A Visual Display Boards
- Package 10B Signage
- Package 10C Lockers/Metal Storage Shelving/ Basketball Goals, Wall Padding
- Package 10D Pre-engineered Walkway Protective Cover
- Package 10E Operable Panel Partitions
- Package 11A Food Service Equipment
- Package 12A Manufactured Casework, Architectural Woodwork/Millwork
- Package 12B Window Treatments
- Package 15A Fire Protection
- Package 15B HVAC
- Package 15C Plumbing
- Package 16A Electrical/ Fire Alarm
- Package 16B Technology Infrastructure & Structured Cabling

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Package 16C Technology Integrated Communications
Package 16D Technology Sound Systems
Package 16E Technology Security Systems

PRE-BID CONFERENCE MEETING

A Pre-Bid Conference Meeting for the Building Bid Package will be held at 4:15 PM on May 23rd, 2013 at Southeast High School Cafeteria, located at 4530 SE School Rd, Greensboro, NC 27406.

Questions from all interested bidders or their sub-subcontractors will be clarified during this meeting. The attendance at this Pre-bid Conference Meeting is not mandatory, but all attendance is encouraged by the Construction Manager.

The Pre-Bid Conference 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 procedures the following preferred brand items are being considered as Alternates by the owner for this project:

Preferred Alternate No. 1 - Schlage Everest Interchangeable Core Cylinders

PROJECT LOCATION / SCOPE

Aforementioned bid packages are part of the construction of the George C. Simkins, Jr. Elementary School to be located at 3511 E. Lee St. Greensboro, NC 27406. Bid packages being solicited at this time for George C. Simkins, Jr. Elementary consist of the building construction for an administration wing, classroom wings, multipurpose room, full service cafeteria and a media center. The building will be conditioned by a four pipe, boiler chiller mechanical system, electrical service will be 277/480v and 120/208v with an emergency generator (gas powered). The school will also be served by an onsite domestic well and city sanitary sewer. The building will be fully sprinklered, serviced by a storage tank supplied by the onsite well.

BIDDER PRE-QUALIFICATION PROCESS

In accordance with N.C. General Statute 143-129, all bidders must be pre-qualified by the Construction Manager in order to submit a sealed bid proposal for this project. All 1st tier subcontractors or suppliers are required regardless of current standing with Samet Corporation, or SRS, Inc. to complete this pre-qualification process. **Subcontractors or suppliers who have previously been pre-qualified by SSJV for similar type projects and are within their twelve (12) month active pre-qualification period, may be required to provide updated information in order to remain eligible to participate for those trade**

packages which they were previously pre-qualified as determined by written confirmation by SSJV. When requested by SSJV, all trade subcontractors previously pre-qualified or not must submit updated financial statements, surety's letter of bond ability, reference / bonding ability confirmation letter from surety agent (if applicable) and certificate(s) of insurance in order to remain pre-qualified by SSJV. This pre-qualification process starts by completing the "Project Specific" Subcontractor / Supplier Supplemental Qualification Form for the George C. Simkins Jr. Elementary School where you will identify trade packages for which you are qualifying.

Additional steps to the process are as follows:

- SSJV's Trade Partner Qualification Form must be received by SSJV **on or before June 4th, 2013**. Failure to submit this information on or before the aforementioned date and time may result in your company not being pre-qualified by SSJV, thus not allowing the company to participate in the bid process.
- If you are interested in bidding on this project please go to the Samet Corporation Website. www.sametcorp.com/subcontractors Apply for Prequalification.
- Web Instructions are as follows: Prospective subcontractors and suppliers must complete the following steps to be qualified to work on a SSJV Construction Project:
 - To begin, you must download and install the Formatta Filler program by following the links provided www.formatta.com/page_Downloads/Products.html Choose either the PC or Mac platform. This free download and must be installed on each computer that you use to fill out one of these forms.
 - Choose the online prequalification application by following the link provided. www.sametcorp.com/subcontractors/prequalification.aspx
 - If you are submitting a prequalification form for one of our Education Group projects, you are required to complete additional project specific forms found at: www.sametcorp.com/subcontractors/forms.aspx Once you have completed the form, submit to Johnny Sigers at jsigers@srsincorp.com
 - If you are renewing your previously approved prequalification form follow the link provided www.sametcorp.com/subcontractors/renewal.aspx
 - If your application for prequalification is approved, we will immediately review your capabilities against current projects in our database. We will also hold your application on file and review it when new projects arise. You will be notified when we have project opportunities that fit your capabilities.
 - Prior to awarding your first subcontract job, Samet/SRS must receive a copy of your insurance certificate in accordance with our insurance requirements.
- Upon receipt of Trade Partner Qualification Form including **all requested attachments**, it will be forwarded to the appropriate SSJV team member for review and approval. Each Subcontractor / Supplier will be notified by SSJV of its qualification status no later than three (3) business days following the expiration of the Pre-qualification Period.
- All of these documents are available at <http://www.sametcorp.com/subcontractors/forms.aspx>.

SELECT TRADE PACKAGE BONDING REQUIREMENTS

Pre-qualified bidders for select bid packages as outlined below shall be capable of providing a Payment Bond and a Performance Bond to the Construction Manager in the sum equal to 100% of their Subcontract Amount. The surety / bonding company must be licensed to do business in the State of North Carolina. **Trade packages requiring bonding are enumerated below and are further defined on the Subcontractor / Supplier Supplemental Qualification Form on pages two (2) and three (3). The Construction Manager reserves the right to require Performance and Payment Bonds of other trade packages if deemed in the best interest of project, Construction Manager and Owner**

Package 03A Concrete Foundations, Walls & Slabs
Package 04A Masonry
Package 05A Structural Steel (Furnish & Erect)
Package 07B TPO Membrane Roofing
Package 07C Architectural Standing Seam Roofing
Package 08E Aluminum Storefront, Glass & Glazing
Package 09A Drywall, Metal Studs, Insulation & Carpentry
Package 09C Hard Tile and Terrazzo Flooring
Package 09D Resilient Tile & Carpet Flooring
Package 11A Food Service Equipment
Package 12A Manufactured Casework, Architectural Woodwork/Millwork
Package 15A Fire Protection
Package 15B HVAC
Package 15C Plumbing
Package 16A Electrical/ Fire Alarm

DRAWING AND SPECIFICATION AVAILABILITY

Drawings and specifications are available now for inspection at the offices of the Construction Manager, Samet Corporation / SRS, Inc. a joint venture at 309 Gallimore Dairy Rd, Suite 102, Greensboro, NC 27409.

Pre-qualified bidders may purchase a complete set of Construction Documents for bidding this work from:

Reproduction Firm of Record: Large & Small Graphics 532 S. New Hope Road, Raleigh, NC 27610
Local: 919-878-5500 Fax: 919-878-9861 Attention: Carla Dunn- cdunn@lsgnc.com;

Trac Reprographics: 1005 Burke St NW, Winston-Salem, NC 27101; (336) 831-1324; Attention: Robbie Greer – Robbie@reprotechginc.com

Duncan Parnell: 4275 Regency Dr, Suite 100, Greensboro, NC 27410 (336) 855-1211; Attention: Heinz Schmitz – Heinz@duncan-parnell.com

Complete plans, specifications and contract documents will also be open for inspection through SSJV's Internet / Web Based Plan Room as powered by *Isqft* via issuance of an Invitation to Bid by SSJV to the pre-qualified bidder. Project documents will also be available electronically through Associated General Contractors, Carolinas Branch Raleigh and Charlotte; Reed

Construction Data; McGraw Hill Construction, Dodge; and Builders Exchange of Tennessee, Inc., and iSqFt[®] partnered with the HCAC.

LICENSING

All trade subcontractors must have proper license in accordance with state laws governing their respective trades in accordance with General Statutes of North Carolina Chapter 87. General Statutes of North Carolina Chapter 87 will be observed in receiving and awarding all Contracts.

EVALUATION OF BID AMOUNTS

Following the opening of the bids on the pre-determined date(s), the Construction Manager's determination that the low bidder's bid is responsible and responsive and the Construction Manager's receipt of approval from the Owner, the Construction Manager will award each respective trade package to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. The lowest bid amount will be determined by evaluating the best combination of the pricing received for each bid package with respect to evaluating individual bid package amounts submitted versus combined bid package amounts submitted. For example, if a combination bid package being solicited is submitted and is less than the sum of the individual bid package amounts received for this same work, then the combination package bidder will be named apparent low bidder. This same evaluation process will be employed by the Construction Manager when evaluating bid alternates and various combinations thereof which are accepted by the Owner.

BID PREPARATION

All bids must be submitted on the standard forms provided by the Construction Manager, and marked accordingly to identify the Trade Package name being bid. Bids must be submitted in a sealed opaque envelope with the following marked on the front of the envelope: (1) Bidder Name and Address, (2) Project Name - "George C. Simkins, Jr. Elementary School" and Trade Package Name (e.g. "04A Masonry"). Bidders shall be required to review and use complete sets of bid documents to prepare bids. Neither the Construction Manager, Owner nor Architect assumes responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of incomplete bid document sets.

MINORITY OWNED AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Minority owned and women owned businesses are encouraged to submit bids for this construction project. Samet Corporation / SRS, Inc. a joint venture and Guilford County Board of Education awards public contracts without regard to race, religion, color, creed, national origin, sex, age or handicapping condition as defined by North Carolina General Statutes, Section 168A-3.

In accordance with General Statute 143-128.2, Samet Corporation / SRS, Inc. a joint venture is specifically encouraging participation of Minority or Women Owned Business Enterprises / Historically Underutilized Businesses (MWBE / HUB) on this project. Our project goal for participation of certified MWBE / HUB firms is thirty five percent (35%), thus exceeding the Guilford County Board of Education's goal of 12.46%. Each pre-qualified bidder shall include within its bid: A copy of their MWBE/HUB Participation Plan; Evidence log of contacts made to MWBE/HUB firms; Written justification for any rejection of a MWBE/HUB firm; A complete check list of good faith efforts to recruit and select MWBE / HUB companies to participate in this project; and a completed Identification of MWBE Participation Form and Affidavit A Form or Affidavit B

Form. As part of the requirements for submitting a bid, each pre-qualified bidder must submit the proper documentation substantiating their adherence to the requirements depicted within N.C. General Statute 143-128.2 and the bid documents. Bidders who fail to submit the required documents with their bid may result in their bid being rejected by the Construction Manager.

BID SECURITY / TIME LIMITATION

A Bid Security of five percent (5%) of the bid in Cashier's Check, Certified Check, or a fully executed Bid Bond is required to accompany each proposal for the Bid Packages listed below. Bids may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the scheduled bid date and time, except as provided by law.

Outlined below are the trade packages for this bid phase which shall submit a Bid Security made payable to Samet Corporation/SRS Inc., a joint venture. Bidders who are unsuccessful will receive their Bid Bond, or Cashier's or Certified Check back from SSJV upon award of the respective trade package being bid. **Note: Each sealed bid proposal shall be accompanied with a separate Bid Bond or Cashier's or Certified Check.**

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- Package 15A Fire Protection
- Package 15B HVAC
- Package 15C Plumbing
- Package 16A Electrical/ Fire Alarm

BIDDER QUESTIONS

All bidders shall note that the Construction Manager and/or Architect shall answer only questions that are submitted in writing and faxed, mailed or e-mailed to the Construction Manager's office. All questions during the bid period shall be directed to the attention of Johnny Sigers via e-mail at jsigers@srsincorp.com, or Charles Delphias via e-mail at cdelphias@sametcorp.com. Specific questions, when warranted by the Construction Manager will be addressed to all bidders in the form an addendum. **All questions must be received by SSJV on or before ten (10) calendar days prior to the predetermined date and time established for the opening of the bids as defined in this Advertisement for Bids.** All bidders shall note that no questions will be answered regarding any aspect of the project after the expiration of the aforementioned ten (10) calendar day cut off period in order to enable the Construction Manager and/or Architect to issue a final addendum, if necessary, to equitably inform all bidders.

MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT SUBSTITUTION REQUEST FORMS

Material or equipment substitution requests must be received by SSJV on or before ten (10) calendar days prior to the predetermined date and time established for the opening of the bids as defined in this Advertisement for Bids. Following review of the specifications or drawings, any prospective bidder or supplier thereof may submit a Material and Equipment Substitution Request Form directly to the Construction Manager for review prior to sending to the Architect / Engineer for review and approval. A Material and Equipment Substitution Request Form will be available from SSJV upon request and will also be included as part of the Construction Documents. Material and equipment requests shall be submitted on the aforementioned form only and shall be accompanied with any further information necessary to ascertain that the particular product, equipment, etc. is equal to the one(s) specified. Material and substitution request forms may be obtained from or submitted to the attention of Charles Delphias via e-mail at cdelphias@sametcorp.com, or Johnny Sigers via e-mail at jsigers@srsincorp.com. Approved material and equipment substitutions will be addressed to all bidders in the form an Addendum.

BID INFORMALITIES

The Construction Manager and/or Owner reserves the rights to accept or reject any or all bids and waive any or all informalities or irregularities in the bid process in order to accept bids in the best interest of the Owner or Construction Manager.

Notice: The above bids are being solicited under N.C.G.S. § 143-128 and 143-129 respectively.