

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana, a Louisiana non-profit corporation, 1505 Kings Highway, Shreveport, LA 71103 until 2:00 P.M on Tuesday, March ~~8~~ **9**, 2004 at MHSM Architects, LLC, Suite 1200, 333 Texas St., Shreveport, LA 71101, ph. 318-221-1623.

This document has been revised to indicate the location for the Bid Opening. [Add2-2]

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS: THE BID DATE IS HEREBY EXTENDED EXACTLY ONE WEEK UNTIL TUESDAY, MARCH 9 AT 2:00PM. THE LOCATION FOR THE BID OPENING REMAINS UNCHANGED. [Add5-1]

FOR: Biospace 1 - a 60,000 sf incubator laboratory facility
Kings Highway at Mansfield Road
Shreveport, LA 71103

Bidding Documents will be distributed electronically by AE Plans, Inc. thru the following website: <http://www.aeplans.com> beginning Sunday, February 1, 2004. Bidders may view and download the documents free of charge upon registering at the website in accordance with the instructions posted. Bidders are individually responsible for any costs they incur relating to printing copies of documents obtained either directly from the AEPlans website or through their preferred commercial reprographics company.

Notices of addendums relating to this project will be automatically issued by the website to registered bidders.

Bids will be publicly opened in order to verify attachments, and bid amounts read aloud.

Due to the specialized nature of the project, bids will be taken under advisement and evaluated using a "weighted" system considering the following factors:

1. Cost
2. Firm experience in related projects
3. Key personnel experience
4. Project Management procedures
5. Small / Minority Business Enterprise / Woman-Owned Business Enterprise participation by percentage of subs, suppliers, etc.
6. Small / Minority Business Enterprise / Woman-Owned Business Enterprise participation by dollar value
7. Location of Contractor' home office
8. Schedule for Completion

Detailed information on the weighted evaluation method, and forms to be submitted with the bid are included in the Bid Documents. Failure to include the completed forms with the bid will be cause for rejection. Submitting the low bid does not necessarily equate with being selected the successful bidder.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or acceptable Bid Bond Form written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana, signed by the surety's agency or attorney-in-fact. Surety must be listed on the current U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in the Bond, or must be a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A - rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. If surety qualifies by virtue of its Best's listing, the amount of the Bond may not exceed ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. The Bid Bond shall be in favor of the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana, and shall be accompanied by appropriate power of attorney. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) of the sum of the Base Bid and all Alternates by any method is acceptable.

Regarding the amount to be indicated on the Bid Bond, "5% of Greatest Amount Bid" will be acceptable. [Add7-1]

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount. Surety must be listed currently on

the U. S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service List (Treasury List) as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the contract amount, or must be an insurance company domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents. If surety is qualified other than by listing on the Treasury list, the contract amount may not exceed fifteen percent of policyholders' surplus as shown by surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance and may not exceed the amount of \$500,000. However, a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A- rating in the latest printing of the A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide shall not be subject to the \$500,000 limitation, provided that the contract amount does not exceed ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide nor fifteen percent of policyholders' surplus as shown by surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance. The Bond shall be signed by the surety's agent or attorney-in-fact.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD at 2:00pm on Thursday, February 19, 2004 in the Wheless Room, Basement Level, AmSouth Tower, 333 Texas St., Shreveport, LA 71101.

This document has been revised to indicate the location for the Pre-Bid Conference [Add2-2]

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification of **Building Construction**. Bidder or his agent must hand deliver the bid in which instance the deliver shall be handed a written receipt, or such bid shall be sent by registered mail with a return receipt requested. Evidence of agency, corporate or partnership authority shall be required. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids, unless the bid contains patently obvious, unintentional, and substantial mechanical, clerical, or mathematical errors, or errors of unintentional omission of a substantial quantity of work, labor, material or services made directly in the computation of the bid, in which case the bid may be withdrawn by the contractor if clear and convincing sworn, written evidence of such errors is furnished to the Owner within forty-eight hours of the bid opening excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. Such errors must be clearly shown by objective evidence drawn from inspection of the original work papers, documents or materials used in the preparation of the bid sought to be withdrawn. If the Owner determines that the error is a patently obvious mechanical, clerical, or mathematical error, or unintentional omission of a substantial quantity of work, labor, materials, or services, as opposed to a judgment error, and that the bid was submitted in good faith it shall accept the withdrawal and return the bid security to the contractor. A contractor who attempts to withdraw a bid under the provisions of this section shall not be allowed to resubmit a bid on the project. No bidder who is permitted to withdraw a bid shall supply any material or labor to, or perform any subcontract work agreement for, any person to whom a contract or subcontract is awarded in the performance of the contract for which the withdrawn bid was submitted.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. Just cause includes, but is not limited to, the unavailability of funds sufficient for the construction of the proposed work, the failure of any bidder to submit a bid within an established threshold of the preconstruction estimates for the work, a substantial change prior to the award in the scope or design of the work, a determination of the Owner not to build the work, or the disqualification of all bidders. These provisions and requirements and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived.

The Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract Between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

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Advertisement Dates: February 1, 8, 15, and 22