



WorkLink Workforce Development Board

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
Electrical Work (RFQ)
18-WIOA-06

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I: GENERAL RFQ INFORMATION

A. Introduction & Purpose

The WorkLink Workforce Development Board (WDB) is seeking the services of a qualified organization electrical work as noted in section II: Scope of Work. The location of the work required under this RFQ will be for the Clemson SC Works Center, 1376 Tiger Boulevard, Suite 102, Clemson, SC 29631.

B. Funding Available Through this RFQ

It is anticipated that one (1) organization will be funded to complete electrical work described in this RFQ's Statement of Work.

C. Eligible Organizations

Any private-for-profit, private-nonprofit, or public entity with a minimum twelve (12) months of documented experience may submit a proposal.

D. Deadline for Receipt of Proposals

An electronic copy of the proposal must be emailed to jkelly@worklinkweb.com no later than 12:00 p.m. (EST) on Friday, December 7, 2018.

Late proposals will not be accepted. WorkLink reserves the right to determine the timeliness of all submissions.

E. Technical Assistance

All questions should be directed only to Jennifer Kelly at jkelly@worklinkweb.com or her designee.

Questions regarding this quote must be submitted in writing via email by 12:00 pm (EST) on Thursday, November 15, 2018. No questions or requests for additional information will be accepted after this date and time.

All questions and answers received will be posted to the website at <http://www.worklinkweb.com/welcome/request-for-proposals/> by 12:00pm (EST) on Friday, November 16, 2018.

A walkthrough of the facilities is **mandatory** and will be performed at the following times:
Monday, November 12, 2018 at 10:00am (first choice)
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 10:00am (second choice if not available on first choice)

Please RSVP to Jennifer (jkelly@worklinkweb.com), Thursday, November 8, 2018 by 5:00pm, indicating which of the walkthrough sessions you will be attending.

PLEASE NOTE: Any questions received for which the answer(s) would change the scope of this RFQ or solicitation will be posted on the WorkLink website (www.worklinkweb.com).



F. General Proposal Conditions

1. All costs of proposal preparation shall be borne by the applicant. The WDB shall not, in any event, be liable for any pre-contractual expenses incurred by the applicant in the preparation and/or submission of the proposal.
2. The applicant shall include the applicant's best terms and conditions. Submission of the proposal shall constitute a firm and fixed offer to the WDB that will remain open and valid for a minimum of four months from the proposal submission deadline.
3. Nothing contained in this RFQ shall create any contractual relationship between the applicant and the WDB. Selection of applicant as a contractor is not an acceptance of the terms and conditions included in the proposal. Selection is only the beginning of an offer-counteroffer process.
4. The WDB reserves the right to extend the submission deadline. Applicants have the right to revise their proposals in that event.
5. The WDB reserves the right to withdraw this RFQ at any time without prior notice. The WDB makes no representation that any contract will be awarded to any offeror responding to this RFQ. The WDB reserves the right to reject any or all bids and/or items therein. The WDB reserves the right to determine that the RFQ is a "failed competition," that there are not a sufficient number of satisfactory proposals to award the funds. In that case, the WDB may reissue the RFQ to get additional proposals or award the contract on a sole source basis.
6. Proposals shall be reviewed and rated by the WDB as submitted. No changes or additions may be made by the applicant after the deadline for receipt of proposals.
7. If the applicant knowingly and willfully submits false information, the WDB reserves the right to reject that proposal. If it is determined that a contract was awarded as a result of false data submitted in response to this RFQ, the WDB reserves the right to withdraw the funding award or terminate that contract.
8. The WDB reserves the right to verify the information in the proposal. If the information in the proposal cannot be verified, and if errors are not willful, the WDB reserves the right to reduce the rating points awarded.

G. General Contract Conditions

1. The Contractor will be required to comply with all Federal, State, local, and WDB laws, regulations, policies and procedures, and any subsequent amendments thereto, as applicable.
2. By submitting a proposal, applicants are:
 - A. Making a commitment to carry out all contractor responsibilities, and comply with all requirements;
 - B. Making a commitment to comply with all federal, state, and local affirmative action, non-discrimination, and equal opportunity requirements;
 - C. Certifying that they possess the skills, knowledge, and expertise to successfully plan and operate the project as described in the RFQ;
 - D. Certifying that they possess the organizational structure, fiscal system, facilities, and



experienced and qualified staff necessary for successfully managing their proposed project;
E. Certifying that neither they nor their principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this grant by any Federal department or agency.

3. The applicant to whom the contract is awarded shall be required to enter into a written contract with the WDB on a form approved by the WDB. The proposal, or any part thereof, may be incorporated into the final contract; however, the WDB reserves the right to further negotiate the terms and conditions of the contract with the selected applicant.

4. In the event a contractor does not provide services during the period as specified in the contractor's proposal to, and as negotiated by the WDB, the contract will be deemed breached.

5. The scope of work associated with this RFQ is approximately from December 15, 2018 – February 28, 2019 with month-by month renewal options pending Board approval.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

The WDB offers computer based activities in the Clemson SC Works Center Training Room. The intention of this RFQ is to assess appropriate options to safely access power, select a qualified bidder with the most reasonable solution and price, and to work with the contractor on the installation/implementation of the chosen option. Approximately 20 computers and accessories would need to be hosted through the options offered. Please note in the option a scalable price if available (i.e. installation of 1 electrical outlet costs \$X vs. 2 electrical outlets costs \$X). The number of computers listed is the most that we would need.

The bidder will assess and recommend the options for access to electrical power in the SC Works Center Training Room. Upon award of the contract, WorkLink WDB will determine based on the bidder's quote which option for installation. All work billed under the contract must be completed by March 1, 2019.

The bidder should propose a projected timeline for installation for each option given, and should include a detailed description of work to be completed under each option.

The bidder will furnish all labor, equipment, tools, parts, materials, and supplies required to complete electrical work. If any damages occur to the existing electrical system or building during the electrical work, the bidder will repair or arrange for reparations of the electrical system and/or to the building. This includes the provision of all replacement parts and component systems for existing building electrical systems in accordance with all original equipment manufacturer specifications, National Electrical Code, Uniform Building Code and applicable County and City Building and Fire Codes.

The bidder will insure all installation, (and as applicable) repair, replacement, and removal services shall comply with and conform to all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations, laws, and codes. All work must be compliant with ADA regulations.

III. CONTRACT/FISCAL POLICIES

A. Method of Contracting

Contractors will be required to enter into a Contract with WorkLink WDB's Administrative Entity, the SC Appalachian Council of Governments ("COG"). Although the WDB will not sign vendor contract forms, elements of the latter contract may be incorporated in the WorkLink Contract as additional terms and conditions if approved by the COG.



B. Cost/Price Reasonableness

The price (and or cost) must be determined by the WDB to be reasonable and competitive. Applicants shall justify the proposed cost by describing the cost elements that go into the cost (i.e., cost of materials and equipment, installation and associated fees, and other related costs).

IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

A. General Instructions

✔ One electronic copy of the proposal must be submitted. Subject line of email must read "Proposal – SC Works Electrical Work."

✔ All proposals must be assembled in the following order:

- Cover Sheet
- Project Narrative
- Statement of Work
- Budget
- 2018 W-9 Form
- Required Affidavits (sign and scan into final quote package)

✔ Applicants must use the forms provided here in completing their proposals.

✔ Do not submit information, data, forms or letters not specifically requested.

B. Project Narrative

Proposals should include the following information:

1. Company Information

- ✔ Full legal company name
- ✔ Year business started
- ✔ Location of company headquarters
- ✔ Brief company history
- ✔ Current # of people employed

2. Experience/References

- ✔ Describe your experience in implementing similar proposed systems.
- ✔ Overview of assigned Vendor electrical workers, qualifications and certifications
- ✔ Submit the name of three organizations that can serve as references that you are currently providing services for—include contact person and telephone number as well as the website address (if applicable).

3. Contact Information

- ✔ Key contact name, title, address (if different from above address), email address, and direct telephone number.

4. Description of electrical work options (clearly mark recommendation)

- ✔ Include any Vendor Partners for the solution proposed

5. Description of Labor, Equipment, Supplies, and Other needed to complete the project

- ✔ Hardware and Labor Rates:
 - Clearly specify labor rates, estimated labor hours, tools, equipment, parts, materials, and supplies that will be needed to complete the project. List must be complete (including quantities) and include all costs that will be charged directly to this project.
 - Planned/warranted lifespan (based on the manufacturer or creator's intention to support) of hardware.
 - Options - Implementation plan and costs for each
 - Risk assessment



The proposal should include a contract for all proposed labor, equipment, tools, equipment, parts, materials, and supplies, including coordination between partner vendors. The contract must include all costs for the proposal, and there shall not be any additional ancillary costs. If the Vendor does not wish to submit an actual contract with the proposal, due to different alternatives proposed and pending choices from those alternatives, a sample contract should be submitted with the proposal. The Contract shall include all insurance provided, surety bonds and costs, etc. The contract must state that the vendor provides its own worker's compensation insurance or is not required to provide same.

C. Budget and Budget Narrative

Please provide a budget for the costs associated with all items. Include a narrative for each line item of your budget to show how you arrived at the proposed costs.

D. Instructions for Completing Exhibits

Please complete the Cover Sheet and a Budget with a budget narrative. In addition, there are four (4) affidavits that must be completed, signed, and returned with your proposal.

V. FUNDING RECOMMENDATION PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA

A. Funding Recommendations Process

The funding recommendations process is as follows:

1. Acceptance for Review

Only proposals received by the deadline shall be accepted and reviewed. Proposals submitted that are substantially incomplete, or use unauthorized forms may be termed "unrateable" and not reviewed.

2. Contents Review

Proposals received by the deadline and accepted for review shall be ranked and scored according to the criteria listed in this RFQ.

B. Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation of proposals will be based on a competitive selection process. Evaluation criteria is as follows:

1. Past Experience - 25 Points

Applicants shall be rated primarily on whether or not it has a substantial history of providing similar services. References shall weigh heavily in the scoring.

2. Statement of Work - 35 Points

Applicants will be rated on the quality of the options proposed, maintenance and availability of replacement parts if needed, and the proposed timeline of the project.

3. Cost Reasonableness - 40 Points

Applicant's proposed costs will be reviewed to determine that costs are reasonable and competitive with other applicants.

Factors in the above categories may include:

- Cost
- Functionality of standard hardware, equipment and features to meet our specific needs
- Availability of additional capabilities to add as needed
- Compliance with ADA and other applicable Federal, state, county, and city regulations
- Ease of use
- Product quality, reliability, and warranty plan



- Vendor qualifications
- Overall reputation in the industry
- Experience and expertise with the installation being offered
- References where similar systems have been installed
- Points will be established to each of the above at a later date prior to the evaluation to ensure equal competition between vendors.

VI: RFQ Timeline of Events

- A. Friday, October 26, 2018 – RFQ issued
- B. Thursday, November 8 – RSVP to attend one of the walkthroughs
- C. Monday, November 12 (10:00am) – Walkthrough of facilities
- D. Wednesday, November 14 (10:00am) – Walkthrough of facilities
- E. Thursday, November 15 (12:00pm) – Technical Assistance deadline
- F. Friday, November 16 by 5:00pm – Questions and Answers posted to website
- G. Friday, December 7 by 12:00pm – Proposals due
- H. Monday, December 10 – Proposal reviews begin
- I. Friday, December 14 – Executive Committee of the Board votes on Electrical Work Vendor
- J. Monday, December 17 – Enter negotiations with bidder and issue letters to unsuccessful bidders
- K. Wednesday, December 19 – Electrical Work contract begins
- L. Thursday, February 28, 2019 – Electrical Work contract work is completed



Cover Sheet

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Applicant Information

Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Signature: _____

Date of Submission: _____



AFFIDAVIT I

AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION

I, _____, depose and say that I am the

_____ of _____, who
(“President”, “Vice-President”, etc.) (Insert name and address of proposing organization)

submits this proposal to the WDB and hereby declares that this proposal is genuine, and not sham or collusive, nor made in the interest or in behalf of any person not herein named and the that the applicant had to put in a sham proposal, or any other person, firm or corporation to refrain from submitting a proposal, and that the applicant has not in any manner sought by collusion to secure for himself in advantage over any other applicant.

_____ at _____
Date City, State

Affix Corporate Seal:

I certify or declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signature



AFFIDAVIT II

ALL ORGANIZATIONS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AFFIDAVIT AS TO NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

The undersigned representatives do hereby certify that, consistent with the regulations issued pursuant to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 the applicant or contractor does and will continue to comply with Title VI of the Civil Right Acts of 1964 (42USCS2000d) and all other applicable federal, state and local statutes relative to non-discrimination.

The undersigned further recognizes that the WDB may not contract with any organization, which is not compliance with these assurances. No person shall on the grounds of race, creed, national origin, color, handicap, sex, sexual preference, religion, age, or political affiliations, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with funds available under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.

Organization

Location (address)

City, State and Zip Code

Officer's Signature

Officer's Title with Organization

Date



AFFIDAVIT III

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION FOR CONTRACTS, GRANTS, LOANS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal Loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL. "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all "sub-awards at all tiers (including sub-contracts, sub-grants and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all" sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Grantee/Contractor Organization Program/Title

Name and Title of Authorized Signatory

Signature

Date

**Note: In this instance, "All," in the Final Rule is expected to be clarified to show that it applies to covered contract/grant transactions over \$100,000. (per OMB).



AFFIDAVIT IV

Certification Regarding
Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion
Lower Tier Covered Transactions

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, 29 CFR Part 98, Section 98.510, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were published as Part VII of the May 26, 1988 Federal Register (pages 19160-19211).

(BEFORE COMPLETING CERTIFICATION, READ INSTRUCTIONS FOR CERTIFICATION)

(1) The prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective recipient of Federal assistance funds is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Name and Title of Authorized Representative

Signature Date

