

January 21, 2022

INVITATION TO BID: BID-SJR-02-2022

Dear Prequalified Contractor:

Please accept this letter as your invitation to bid on the Cooling Tower Project located at St. Johns River State College, 283 College Drive, Orange Park FL 32065.

This bid is identified as **BID-SJR-02-2022**. Information and notices pertaining to this bid will be posted on the College web page dedicated to this bid at <http://www.sjrstate.edu/022022>. This web page will be updated as the bid process progresses. Bidders are required to monitor the web page during the entire bid process for information and notices.

Description of Scope of Work:

The scope of this project includes the removal and replacement of the existing 700-ton cooling tower with a new 700-ton EVAPCO cooling tower, will reuse all existing pipes, chillers and pumps, and provide electrical modifications as required. In this project, the contractor will provide any additional structural supports as required for the new cooling tower.

Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting:

Attendance at a mandatory pre-bid meeting by you or a representative of your company is a requirement in order to be eligible to bid on this project. **The pre-bid meeting will be held on the SJR State Palatka Campus in the Administration (A) building, Valhalla Hall (A-154), at 3:00 p.m. on February 1, 2022.** Attendance will be taken.

Bidding Documents:

Approval of construction documents occurred at the regularly scheduled DBOT meeting on January 19, 2022, and will be available to contractors after the pre-bid meeting on February 1. Invited bidders are eligible to receive the bidding documents at no cost only after attending, and signing the attendance log at the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting.



Bid Submission Deadline:

Sealed bids, clearly marked on the outside with the name of your firm and **BID-SJR-02-2022**, are due to Terry Thomas, Director of Capital Assets and Risk Management, St. Johns River State College, Business Office, 5001 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Florida 32177, by **3:00 p.m. on March 2, 2022**. Bids must be received by the deadline in order to be considered. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure delivery to the correct location (Palatka Campus-Business Office). Failure of a delivery service or US mail to deliver bid responses by the due date and time shall not constitute an extension to the deadline. Faxed, e-mailed, conditional, improperly identified submissions, and bids received after the deadline will not be considered. The College is not responsible for any expense, including expedited delivery, incurred by the bidder in responding to this bid.

Bid Opening:

Bids received by the deadline date, time and location listed above, will be publicly opened and read aloud on March 2, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Room A-154 in the Administration Building on the SJR State Palatka Campus.

Notice of Intent to Award:

Notice of intent concerning bid award will be posted on the web page at <https://www.sjrstate.edu/022022> on or about March 7, 2022.

Basis of Award:

SJR State anticipates awarding the bid to a single bidder submitting the lowest bid meeting specifications and within budget. SJR State reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted, to waive any informalities in regards thereto, to waive any minor deviations in an otherwise valid bid proposal, to rebid or not, and to accept the bid which will be in the best interest of the College. The College is not necessarily bound to accept the lowest bid if that bid is contrary to its best interest.

Bid Award:

Bid award is anticipated on March 24, 2022. The successful bidder will enter into contract with the College immediately after bid award with notice to proceed to follow thereafter. No bidder may withdraw its bid for 60 days after bid opening.

We look forward to seeing you or your representative at the upcoming pre-bid meeting.

Sincerely,

Terry Thomas

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