

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS

SUBJECT: Policy on Delivery of Bids and Public Bid Openings at GSFC/WFF

As a result of recent heightened security at this and other Federal facilities, the procedures/process for gaining access to this Facility, have changed significantly from those in the past. All individuals requiring access to GSFC/Wallops Flight Facility (GSFC/WFF) are required to present a picture ID and will be continually escorted while on GSFC/WFF. Individuals must be U.S. citizens; individuals possessing "Green Cards" will not be allowed to come on the Facility on short notice. Non-citizens requiring access must notify their "sponsor" in advance, not later than 30 days prior to access being required.

As a result of the above, new policies are being instituted for the receipt and public opening of bids/offers conducted by NASA at this Facility. These new procedures will primarily affect bidders desiring to hand deliver bids/offers and those individuals wanting to attend the public bid opening for any sealed bid action. Bids/offers will continue to be received through the U.S. Postal Service and/or other courier, but must be received by NASA by the established bid due date/time to be considered timely. Reference Section L.26 of the Invitation for Bids

Effective immediately, receipt of hand delivered bids and the public opening of all bids, will be conducted the same day. One hour prior to the bid receipt time, generally between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Eastern on the bid due date, the Contracting Officer, or his/her representative, will be available to receive bids/offers at the GSFC/WFF Reception Building (Bldg. No. N-1). Hand carried bids will only be accepted/received during the period identified in each solicitation. For bids/offers to be considered, they must be accepted by a Government representative prior to the bid due date and time. Any attempt to hand deliver bids/proposals at a time other than that identified in the solicitation, is considered unacceptable and will not be allowed.

The public bid opening will be conducted immediately following the receipt of bids, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern, in Building E-105, Room 300. Individuals desiring to attend the public bid opening should arrive at the GSFC/WFF Reception Building (Bldg. No. N-1), on the scheduled date, not later than 2:45 p.m. Eastern. As stated in paragraph 1 above, **all individuals must be U.S. citizens and have in their possession a current picture ID** to allow issuance of a temporary NASA Visitor's Pass.

Transportation will be provided to and from the GSFC/WFF Reception Building (Bldg. N-1) to Building E-105 for the public bid opening.

Accordingly, the bid due date/time for NNG14498523R, Wallops Flight Facility Water System Upgrade is established as Thursday, June 19, 2014, 2:30 p.m. Eastern. Hand delivered bids/offers will be received between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Eastern on this date at the GSFC/WFF Reception Building (Bldg. N-1). A public bid opening will be conducted at/about 3:00 p.m. Eastern, Thursday, June 19, 2014. Any bids received after 2:30 p.m. Eastern Thursday, June 19, 2014, will be considered late, and processed in accordance with FAR 52.214-7, Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals of Bids (NOV 1999).

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SUBJECT: Noncompliance with Davis-Bacon and Related Act Regulations

Many of the clauses found in construction contracts place specific requirements on prime contractors and their subcontractors concerning the hours, working conditions, pay and fringe benefits for their employees. It is imperative that you know, understand, and comply with these provisions.

The Contracting Officer has enforcement responsibility for the Davis-Bacon Act and recent investigations indicate noncompliance by some contractors and/or their subcontractors. While instances of noncompliance may be minor, some major violations could have serious consequences for those involved-up to and including debarment. See Clause 52.222-12-Contract Termination-Debarment (Feb 1988).

Since NASA will continue to monitor contract compliance you should pay particular attention to the following:

1. General Decisions (previously known as Wage Determinations). The wage and fringe benefits contained in the general decisions are minimum requirements-you may pay more, but you cannot pay less.
2. Laborer vs. Mechanic-A Laborer performs unskilled tasks such as loading and unloading materials, sweeping, clean up, digging and other unskilled manual tasks. A Mechanic may perform Laborer's tasks incidental to his skill; however, most of his work involves using the tools and performing the skills of the trade. A Laborer who performs the skills and uses the tools of the trade must be paid the specified rate for that trade.
3. Working in More than Once Classification-It is permissible to work an employee in more than one classification; however, detailed records must be kept and the employee must be paid at least the minimum rate specified for each classification worked.
4. Apprentice Employees-Apprentices may be used if the company has a Department of Labor (DOL) approved apprenticeship program. The number of apprentices cannot exceed the ratio contained in the program certification and the compensation must be according to the wage determination and the appropriate percentage specified in the apprenticeship program certification. A copy of the approved program certification must be provided to NASA prior to the utilization of an apprentice.

If you have any doubts about the application of these contract clauses to your work at Goddard Space Flight Center, Wallops Flight Facility (WFF), contact Bernard J. Pagliaro, WFF, (757)824-1277. A simple phone call could prevent complicated problems.