

INVITATION TO BID

NEW CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION #26
for
BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL AND RESCUE DISTRICT
BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA

OWNER: Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District
27701 Bonita Grande Drive
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

BID DATE: February 2, 2017

PUBLIC BID OPENING:

Sealed bids for the construction of Bonita Springs Fire Station #26 in Bonita Springs, Florida, Lee County, shall be received in the office of the Fire Chief at the office of the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135, on or before 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017. Bids will be opened publicly by the Owner and Architect at that time. Sealed bids are to be marked **BONITA SPRINGS FIRE STATION #26 – SEALED BID**. An award may be made to the winning Bidder and announced as early as the first monthly meeting of the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District held after the opening of the Bids, or sixty (60) days from the opening of the bids, whichever is later, but in no event may the Bidder withdraw its Bid for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the Bid Award.

Beginning on Tuesday, January 10, 2017, interested licensed General Contractors may obtain complete sets of the proposed contract documents (including Project Drawings and a Project Manual) via downloadable electronic format. Instructions for download delivery will be made available through the offices of the Architect, GMA Architects, 43 Barkley Circle, Suite 202, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, beginning January 10, 2017. The number to call is (239) 275-0225. General Contractors may request access to the Bidding Documents via email at info@GMAarchitect.com.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

The successful Bidder shall provide proof of required Worker's Compensation, Builders Risk, Automobile and Comprehensive General Liability insurance coverage as well as sworn statements regarding Public Entity Crimes and Drug Free Work place certification in compliance with Chapter 287 of the Florida Statutes.

A Performance Bond and Payment Bond (AIA Document A312), will be required, satisfactory in form to the Owner and in full compliance with the requirements of Section 255.05, Florida Statutes, in the full amount of the Contract Price, within ten (10) days after acceptance of a bid or any final negotiations that may be required due to Alternates selected, etc.

Note that there is a liquidated damages clause (See 3.3 of the contract, AIA Document A101-2007, and 8.4.1 of the General Conditions AIA Document A201-2007) included as a condition of this contract.

No bid bond (AIA Document A310) or security deposit is required.

Any questions pertaining to the Architectural, Structural, Mechanical or Electrical plans and specifications must be directed to the offices of GMA Architects, 43 Barkley Circle, Suite 202, Fort Myers, Florida 33907, phone (239) 275-0225, FAX (239) 275-7123, ATTN: Bob Schuerman.

In the Bid, the General Contractor shall itemize their Bid to provide separate costing/prices if indicated on the Bid form.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference has been scheduled for the Springs Fire Station #26, on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District offices located at, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135. Attendance is mandatory. If your firm is not represented, you will be disqualified from submitting a bid.

The purpose of the conference is for the identification and discussion of potential problems which might arise during the administration of any subsequent contract. The intent is that each bidder will have examined the plans and specifications, including Subcontractor review, to the degree that the submission of a final bid could be made. Bidders who attend the Pre-Bid Conference without having a fully developed knowledge of the project will be at a procedural disadvantage.

The Pre-Bid Conference is intended to assist bidders in achieving quality performance under this Contract by a full and complete understanding of the design interrelationships. Members of the design team will be available at the Conference to address specific questions which may have been unclear to bidders during their review. Bidders are encouraged to submit questions in writing prior to the meeting date, to the attention of Bob Schuerman at the office of the Architect at **(239) 275-7123 via facsimile** or at bschuerman@maarchitect.com **via email**. Questions concerning any matter which was unclear in the review process or which had to be evaluated on the basis of subjective judgment of the bidder will be addressed at the Pre-Bid Conference.

Each bidder should recognize that the purpose of the Pre-Bid Conference is to resolve ambiguities, inconsistencies, errors or omissions in the plans or specifications. Subsequent to the award of any contract, if interpretations are made regarding ambiguities in the plans or specifications which could have reasonably been inferred by thorough review of the documents, and addressed at the Pre-Bid Conference, preference will be granted to the position of the Owner.

At the conclusion of the Pre-Bid Conference, all inquiries will be reduced to writing and shall be published as an Addendum to this solicitation, so that all bidders may bid on an equal basis, free from error and with a clear understanding of the requirements of this Contract.

If any person desires to appeal any decision of the Fire District or of the Board of Commission of the District, that person will need to ensure that a verbatim record on the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, F.S.).

The Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or handicapped status in employment of or in the provision of services. Handicapped individuals may receive special accommodation in services on one working day's notice. (Section 286.011(6), F.S.).