

SECTION IB

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- A. PROJECT: ADDISON ATHLETIC CLUB HVAC IMPROVEMENTS,** in the Town of Addison. The bids will be evaluated as stated in Section "O" of these Instructions to Bidders.
- B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project consists of the replacement of existing package A/C units and related equipment; installation of a new packaged 200-ton air cooled chiller system with associated piping and components, new chilled water cassettes, new DCC controls and thermostats; various ductwork improvements; added electrical service; installation of new high-volume, low-speed fans; and other related work.
- C. PROPOSALS:** Proposals must be in accordance with these instructions in order to receive consideration.
- D. DOCUMENTS:** Bidding Documents include the Project Manual (consisting of the Advertisement for Bids, these Instructions to Bidders, Proposal Forms, Reference Form, Contract Agreement, Terms and Conditions, Information and Instruction form, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, Maintenance Bond, Contractor's Affidavit of Bills Paid, General Provisions, Special Provisions, Project Sign, and Technical Specifications), a Waiver of Lien, Drawings, and Addenda which may be issued by the Town of Addison during the bidding period. Bidding Documents may be viewed and/or obtained under the terms and conditions set forth in the Advertisement for Bids, Section AB of this Project Manual.
- E. EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS AND SITE:** Bidders shall carefully examine the Bidding Documents and the construction site to obtain firsthand knowledge of the scope and the conditions of the Work. Each Contractor, Subcontractor and Sub-subcontractor, by submitting a proposal to perform any portion of the Work, represents and warrants that he has examined the Drawings, Specifications (Project Manual) and the site of the Work, and from his own investigation has satisfied himself as to the scope, accessibility, nature and location of the Work; the character of the equipment and other facilities needed for the performance of the Work; the character and extent of other work to be performed; the local conditions; labor availability, practices and jurisdictions; and other circumstances that may affect the performance of the Work. No additional compensation will be allowed by the Owner for the failure of such Contractor, Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor to inform himself as to conditions affecting the Work.
- F. INTERPRETATION OF DOCUMENTS:** If any person contemplating submitting a bid for the proposed Contract is in doubt as to the meaning of any part of the Drawings, Specifications (Project Manual) or other proposed Contract Documents, he may submit questions to the Town of Addison, no later than the question end day and time, as noted in this document. Bidders should act promptly and allow sufficient time for a reply to reach them before preparing their bids. Any interpretation or clarification will be in the form of an Addendum duly issued. No alleged verbal interpretation or ruling will be held binding upon the Owner.
- G. SUBSTITUTIONS:** Conditions governing the submission of substitutions for specific materials, products, equipment and processes are in the Special Provisions. Requests for

substitutions must be received by the Town of Addison seven (7) calendar days prior to the established bid date.

- H. ADDENDA:** Interpretations, clarifications, additions, deletions and modifications to the Documents during the bidding period will be issued in the form of Addenda and a copy of such Addenda will be released through www.bidsync.com. It will be the responsibility of each person who has been issued a set of bid documents to secure all Addenda from www.bidsync.com. Addenda will be a part of the Bidding Documents and the Contract Documents, and receipt of them shall be acknowledged in the Bid Form. All such interpretations and supplemental instructions will be in the form of written addenda to the contract documents which, if issued, will be released through www.bidsync.com. If any bidder fails to acknowledge the receipt of such addenda in the space provided in the bid form, his bid will nevertheless be construed as though the receipt of such addenda had been acknowledged.
- I. COMPLETION TIME:** The selected contractor shall use the time period between the awarding of the contract at City Council and the date of Notice to Proceed to submit materials and shop drawings for approval by the Engineer. The Engineer shall review and return these submittals in the most expedient manner possible to accommodate immediate material ordering.
- a. Upon receiving Notice to Proceed, the selected contractor shall have **100 calendar days** to construct the project and achieve substantial completion. Substantial completion for this project includes the following items:
 - i. Preliminary Punchlist walk-through with the Town performed;
 - b. After substantial completion is reached, the contractor shall have an **additional 20 calendar days** to achieve 100% final completion. Final completion for this project shall include:
 - i. Punchlist items completed and approved by the Town;
 - ii. Site clean-up;
 - iii. Submittal of Record Drawings; and
- J. PREPARATION OF BIDS:** Prices quoted shall include all items of cost, expense, taxes, fees and charges incurred by, or arising out of, the performance of the work to be performed under the Contract. Bids shall be submitted in duplicate and shall be signed in ink. Any bid on other than the required form will be considered informal and may be rejected. Erasures or other changes in a bid must be explained or noted over the initials of the bidder. Bids containing any conditions, omissions, unexplained erasures and alterations, or irregularities of any kind may be rejected as informal. The prices should be expressed in words and figures or they may be deemed informal and may be rejected. In case of discrepancy between the price written in the bid and that given in the figures, the price in writing will be considered as the bid. In the case of a discrepancy between a unit price and its extension, the unit price will govern. Failure to submit all requested information will make a bid irregular and subject to rejection. Bids shall be signed with name typed or printed below signature, and, if a partnership, give full name of all partners. Where bidder is a corporation, bids must be signed with the legal name of the corporation followed by the name of the state of incorporation and the legal signature of an officer authorized to bind the corporation to a contract.

NOTE: AN ELECTRONIC SPREADSHEET IS POSTED ON BIDS SYNC FOR CONTRACTORS CONVENIENCE TITLED "BID SCHEDULE BID 18-116.XLSX". THIS SPREADSHEET MAY BE USED IN LIEU OF THE MANUAL HANDWRITTEN PROPOSAL FORM IN THE SPECIFICATIONS AND SHALL BE ATTACHED TO THE PROPOSAL AND MADE PART OF THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS. USING THE SPREADSHEET OPTION SHALL NOT AMEND OR MODIFY ANY WORDING IN THE PROPOSAL FORM OR THE PLANS AND THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONFIRMING THAT THE SPREADSHEET ADEQUATELY CONVEYS THEIR BID.

SUBMITTAL OF BIDS: Sealed proposals will be received at the time, date and place stated in the Advertisement for Bids. Proposals shall be made on unaltered Proposal Forms furnished by the Town of Addison. Bidders shall submit proposals in an opaque, sealed envelope addressed to the Owner and plainly mark on the outside of the envelope the name and address of the bidder. The envelopes shall also be marked with the description noted in the Advertisement for Bids section.

The Bid Bond must be completed and signed by each bidder and submitted with the bid. Submit Bids by mail or in person prior to the time for receiving bids set forth in the Advertisement for Bids issued by the Town.

Electronic bidding on bidsync.com will not be considered for this project. The Town of Addison uses [bidsync](http://bidsync.com) to distribute bids and proposals. There will be NO COST to the contractor for standard bids or proposals. This solicitation is considered a standard solicitation. For Cooperative Bids and Reverse Auctions ONLY, the successful contractor/supplier agrees to pay [bidsync](http://bidsync.com) a transaction fee of one percent (1%) of the total amount of all contracts for goods and/or services. Cooperative Bids and Reverse Auctions will be clearly marked on the bid documents. To assure that all contractors/suppliers are treated fairly, the fee will be payable whether the bid/proposal is submitted electronically, or by paper means. Refer to www.bidsync.com for further information.

K. MODIFICATION AND WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: Prior to the time set for bid opening, bids may be withdrawn or modified. Bids may be modified only on the official bid form and must be signed by a person legally empowered to bind the bidder. No bidder shall modify, withdraw, or cancel his bid or any part thereof for sixty (60) calendar days after the time agreed upon for the receipt of bids.

L. DISQUALIFICATION: The Owner reserves the right to disqualify proposals, before or after the opening, upon evidence of collusion with intent to defraud or other illegal practices relating to this proposal upon the part of the bidder.

M. SUBMISSION OF POST-BID INFORMATION: Upon notification of acceptance, the selected bidder shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, submit the following:

1. A designation of the portions of the Work proposed to be performed by the bidder with his own force.
2. A list of names of the Subcontractors or other persons or organizations, including those who are to furnish materials and equipment fabricated to a special design proposed for

such portions of the Work as may be designated in the Bidding Documents or as may be requested by the Town of Addison. The bidder will be required to establish to the satisfaction of the Owner the reliability and responsibility of the proposed Subcontractors and suppliers to furnish and perform the Work.

3. Other information as required.

N. AWARD: The Owner reserves the right to accept any or to reject any bids without compensation to bidders and to waive irregularities and informalities. The Town of Addison Infrastructure Operations & Services Department, in making its recommendation, will consider the following elements:

1. Whether the bidder is a contractor with experience in the type of work involved.
2. Whether the bidder has adequate plant, equipment and personnel to perform the work properly and expeditiously.
3. Whether the bidder has a suitable financial status and reputation for meeting obligations incident to work of the kind specified.
4. Whether the bidder has complied with the terms and conditions.

Alternate items may or may not be awarded. Addition or deletion of other items or schedules will be governed by the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction – North Central Texas, 4th Edition, (hereinafter called SSPWC) Item 104.2 "Change or Modification of Contract".

O. EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT: The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the Owner within ten (10) days of notice by the Owner that his bid has been accepted. Failure to enter into a contract within the established time limit shall be considered grounds for forfeiture of the bid bond.

P. CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE: It is the Owner's desire to have the project completed and operational in as short a time as possible. The number of calendar days for completion of the project will begin with the date specified in the Notice to Proceed. The Notice to Proceed will be issued in a manner to facilitate a smooth construction of the project. The Contractor shall begin construction within ten (10) calendar days of the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

Q. COST PLUS TIME BIDDING: N/A

R. FORM OF CONTRACT: The contract for the construction of the project will be drawn up by the Owner. A sample form of agreement is included in the Contract Agreement Section.

S. BONDS: A Performance Bond, a Payment Bond and a Maintenance Bond will be required by the Owner. The Performance Bond and Payment Bond shall name the Town of Addison, and others as directed by the Town, as joint obligees. Sample forms have been included in the Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and Maintenance Bond sections. (Contractor shall confirm the legal names of obligees prior to execution of Bonds.)

T. BID SECURITY: Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total maximum bid price payable without recourse to the Town of

Addison, from a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Texas as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute a Performance Bond, Payment Bond and Maintenance Bond within ten (10) calendar days after notice of award of contract to him.

- U. RESOLUTIONS:** If the bidder is a corporation, a copy of the resolution empowering the person submitting the bid to bind the bidder must be included with the bid.
- V. CONSTRUCTION STAKING:** Construction staking and re-staking will not be provided by the Owner. Benchmarks and Horizontal Control are shown on the plans. There is no separate bid item for staking, therefore, the contractor must include value for staking in the various bid items as subsidiary to the contract. Any staking or re-staking that is required shall be the responsibility of the Contractor and shall be at no cost to the Owner.
- W. FINAL PAYMENT:** The general provisions for Final Payment shall be as stated in Item 109.5.4 of the SSPWC including all Amendments and Additions. Prior to final payment the Contractor shall provide the Owner with the following items:
1. A Contractor's Affidavit of Bills Paid in accordance with Section BP.
 2. A Consent of Surety Company to Final Payment.
 3. A complete set of record plans which indicate all construction variations from the original construction documents in accordance with the Special Provisions.
 4. A one (1) year Maintenance Bond in accordance with Section MB.
 5. Acknowledgement that the project has been reviewed and accepted by TDLR.
- X. PREVAILING WAGE RATES:** Wage rates paid on this project shall not be less than specified in the schedule of general prevailing rates of per diem wages as attached in the Special Provisions.
- Y. PRIORITY OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:** In case of conflict between contract documents, priority of interpretation shall be in the following order: signed agreement; performance and payment bonds; proposal; special provisions (or conditions); technical specifications; general provisions; advertisement for bids; project drawings; Standard Specifications for Construction and Maintenance of Highways, Streets, and Bridges adopted by the Texas Department of Transportation June 1, 2004; Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction (NCTCOG, October 2004); Town of Addison Standard Drawings. This priority list shall take precedence over Item 105.1.1 of the SSPWC.