

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Waukegan Park District, Lake County, Illinois (“Owner” or “Park District”), invites bids for the following project:

1. Field House Sports, Fitness & Aquatics Center Fitness Locker Room Renovations

Bid Documents, including Instructions to Bidders, Drawings, technical Specifications, General and any Special Conditions and Bid Forms including required Contractor certifications, and Prevailing Wage Determination and Supersedes Notice are available electronically at <https://www.waukeganparks.org/business/> or by contacting the Waukegan Park District Parks Department at 847-360-4725 or by email at lsalinas@waukeganparks.org.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 800 Baldwin Ave Waukegan, Illinois, at 1:00 pm. on November 14th, 2024. This meeting will be used to review the Specifications and give any Bidders the opportunity to discuss any concerns with the Owner and/or Architect. Attendance at this meeting of all persons desiring to bid on this Project is highly recommended.

Each bid shall be placed in a sealed envelope and clearly marked “SEALED BID: Waukegan Park District, Field House Sports, Fitness & Aquatics Center Fitness Locker Rooms”. The envelope shall be addressed and delivered to and received by the Park District at the following location: Waukegan Park District Parks Maintenance Facility, 2211 Ernie Krueger Circle, Waukegan, Illinois 60087. No responsibility shall be attached to any person for premature opening of a bid not properly identified.

Bids shall be received until 1:00 pm on Tuesday, November 26th, 2024. Immediately thereafter, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time or at a different location will be rejected.

The Waukegan Park District reserves the right to waive technicalities, to accept or reject any or all bids, to accept only portions of a bid and reject the remainder. Owner will award the Contract to the lowest most responsible and responsive Bidder, as determined by Owner. In considering the Bidder’s responsibility, the Owner may evaluate, among other factors, the ability of the Bidder to provide experienced labor sufficient in numbers to timely and properly complete the services, the financial capability of the Bidder, and the performance of the Bidder on other projects.

Bids shall not include federal excise tax or state sales tax for materials to be incorporated in, or totally consumed in the prosecution of the Work. A tax exemption certificate will be furnished by the Park District at the request of the Bidder. The District’s tax exemption number shall only be used by the successful Bidder for the Work of this Project.

No bid may be withdrawn, and all bids shall remain firm for sixty (60) days after the bid opening.

The Work of this Project is subject to the Illinois *Prevailing Wage Act*, 820 ILCS 130/0.01 *et seq.* A prevailing wage determination has been made by the Park District, which is the same as that determined by the Illinois Department of Labor for public works projects in Lake County. The Contract entered into for the Work will be drawn in compliance with said law and proposals should be prepared accordingly and provide for payment of all laborers, workmen, and mechanics needed to perform the Work at no

less than the prevailing rate of wages (or the prevailing rate for legal holiday and overtime work) for each craft, type of worker, or mechanic.

The Contractor(s) selected will also be required to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and executive orders, including but not limited to those pertaining to equal employment opportunity. State law mandates an open and competitive bidding process and requires that publicly procured contracts be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder with no demonstrated preference based on the bidder's location, race and gender. Therefore, the Park District is unable to give preference to competitively bid projects, but does encourage submission from local, women, and minority bidders.

All bids must be accompanied by cashier's check or bid bond payable to the order of the Waukegan Park District for ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid as provided in the Instructions to Bidders. No proposals or bids will be considered unless accompanied by such bond or check.

By Order of the Board of Park Commissioners of the
Waukegan Park District

Jay Lerner, Executive Director

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