

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received by the **Virgin Islands Port Authority in the Conference Room of the Administrative Office Building until September 29, 2017, 2:00 p.m.** local time, at which time and place all proposals received will be publicly opened and read aloud. Interested parties are invited to attend.

Bidders are invited to submit proposals for:

TERMINAL BUILDING FIRE SPRINKLER AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS AT THE CYRIL E. KING AIRPORT

The scope of work for this project consists of replacing the fire alarm system throughout all the levels of the main terminal, replacing the main terminal fire pump, and modifying the sprinkler system to add approximately 12 sprinklers and piping on the first floor, and between 400 and 450 sprinklers and piping on the second floor.

Bidders are invited to submit Proposals for this work on the Proposal Forms provided. Other proposal forms will not be accepted.

The complete examination and understanding of the Contract Documents consisting of the Plans and Specifications, and all addenda or other revisions, and Site of the proposed work is necessary to properly submit a Proposal. Contract Documents consisting of the Plans and Specifications, and all addenda or other revisions are available for examination or may be obtained from the offices of the **Virgin Islands Port Authority or URS Caribe at the following locations:**

**Mr. Byron Todman
Senior Engineer
Virgin Islands Port Authority
Engineering Division
Administrative Office Building
Cyril E. King Airport
St. Thomas, VI 00802**

or

**Diane Kline
URS Caribe, LLC
7650 W. Courtney Campbell Causeway
Tampa, FL 33607
Phone Number (813) 636-2139
Fax (813) 287-8591**

There is a charge of **\$100.00** for the plans and specifications. Plans are half size drawings. Cashier's checks or money orders will only be accepted. This cost is non-refundable.

A **pre-bid conference** for bidders will be conducted in the Authority Conference Room on **September 6, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.**

A Bid Bond in the form as bound in the Contract Documents or Certified Check in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid must accompany each Bid.

Successful Bidder shall be required to execute and to provide a Payment Bond and Performance Bond each in an Amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the total value of the Contract awarded to them with a satisfactory surety or sureties for the full and faithful performance of the work.

This Project is a Federal Aid Project under the provisions of the Airport Improvement Program. Certain mandatory Federal requirements are included in the Contract Documents. The Bidder's attention is also invited to the General Conditions, Section 130 - pertaining to Federal requirements regarding labor provisions, minimum wage rates, Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements.

The Virgin Islands Port Authority, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all Bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that, in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Contractor agrees to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 have an equal opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds. In this regard, all Contractors shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises have an equal opportunity to compete for and perform contracts. Contractors shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin or sex in the award and performance of FAA assisted contracts.

By submitting a Bid under this Solicitation, except for those items listed by the Offeror on a separate and clearly identified attachment to the Bid, the Offeror certifies that steel and each manufactured product is produced in the United States (as defined in the clause Buy America - Steel and Manufactured Products for Construction Contract) and that components of unknown origin are considered to have been produced or manufactured outside the United States.

No bid may be withdrawn after closing time for the receipt of Proposals for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Bid money value of materials purchased directly by the Bidder together with the Bid money value of the work performed by personnel and facilities provided directly by the Contractor shall not be less than 50% of the money value of the work performed under this Contract. Any Bid money value of work performed by Subcontractors for work on the jobsite using Subcontractors' materials, labor, and facilities, will not be included in the percent of work to be completed by the Bidder.

The Bidder agrees to use local personnel for the categories of journeymen, mechanics, laborers, apprentices, or trainees and local products to the maximum extent possible whenever such policy

does not increase the cost to the Owner. The contractor agrees to follow the employer's requirements as described in Act no. 5174, Bill No. 16-0218 of the Virgin Islands Code. Any Contract awarded from the Invitation to Bid is expected to be funded by the Virgin Islands Port Authority.

The Virgin Islands Port Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities, technicalities, or irregularities in; or reject any or all Bids; or to re-advertise for Bids and to award or refrain from awarding the Contract for the Work.

David Mapp, Sr.
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Virgin Islands Port Authority
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