COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

Georgia's First Consolidated Government



FINANCE DEPARTMENT PURCHASING DIVISION

100 TENTH STREET, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31901 P. O. BOX 1340, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31902-1340 706-225-4087, Fax 706-225-3033 www.columbusga.org

Date: June 9, 2021

REQUEST FOR BIDS:	Qualified vendors are requested to submit sealed bids, subject to conditions and instructions as specified, for the furnishing of:			
TOK BIDS.				
RFB No. 21-0037	MOTT'S GREEN PLAZA P. I. #0015287 (RE-BID)			
GENERAL SCOPE	The Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia (the Owner) invites bids for construction of the proposed trail and landscape improvements along the Columbus Riverwalk. The work primarily involves installation of concrete paving and decorative planters and structures with landscaping, as depicted on the drawings. The DBE goal for this project is 8%.			
	Bidders are advised that the governing specifications for this project, including such items as bidding requirements, general conditions, technical specifications and related items, shall be in accordance with the State of Georgia, Department of Transportation Standard Specifications, 2013 Edition, and applicable Supplemental Specifications and Special Provisions. The Owner assumes the Bidder is a pre-qualified bidder with GDOT and therefore is familiar with the stated reference documents or has access to same.			
DUE DATE	JULY 14, 2021 - 2:30 PM (Eastern)			
	Responses must be submitted via DemandStar on or before the due date. A virtual opening will be held during the 3:00 PM hour of the due date. Responding vendors are not required but are invited to attend the opening.			
	If you wish to attend the virtual opening, use one of the Microsoft Teams meeting options: <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> or call in (audio only) <u>+1 478-239-0725,,855808406#</u> United States, Macon Phone Conference ID: 855 808 406# <u>Find a local number</u> <u>Reset PIN</u> . Note: Columbus Consolidated Government is not responsible for technical issues that may arise during the virtual opening.			
SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS	See Appendix A through D for Submission Requirements, Submission Requirements Checklist, DemandStar Registration and Submission Instructions.			
INSTRUCTIONS TO OBTAIN SPECIFICATIONS	This RFB document is considered a part of the Contract Documents (Plan Book). Plans, Specifications & Bid documents will be made available to Contractors via online download. To gain access to the bid documents, send the following information to LaGranita Davis at davis.lagranita@columbusga.org:• Company Name• Fax Number			
	 Address Phone Number Contact Email 			
NO BID RESPONSE	If you are not interested in this solicitation, refer to page 3.			

Andrea J. McCorvey, Purchasing Division Manager



STATEMENT OF "NO BID SUBMISSION"

NOTIFY THE PURCHASING DIVISION IF YOU DO NOT INTEND TO SUBMIT A BID:

Email: <u>bidopportunities@columbusga.org</u> Fax: 706-225-3033

Attn: Della Lewis, CPPB, GCPA

Columbus Consolidated Government Purchasing Division P. O. Box 1340 Columbus, Georgia 31902-1340

We, the undersigned decline to submit a bid for **RFB No. 21-0037, MOTT'S GREEN PLAZA P. I. #0015287 (RE-BID)**, for the following reason(s):

_____Specifications are too "tight", i.e. geared towards one brand or manufacturer (explain below)

_____There is insufficient time to respond.

_____We do not offer this product and/or service.

_____We are unable to meet specifications.

_____We are unable to meet bond requirements.

_____Specifications are unclear (explain below).

_____We are unable to meet insurance requirements.

__Other (specify below)

Comments_____

COMPANY NAME:

REPRESENTATIVE:

EMAIL:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:_____

GENERAL PROVISIONS

THE GENERAL PROVISIONS SHALL BE DEEMED AS PART OF THE BID SPECIFICATIONS. The provisions of the <u>Procurement Ordinance</u> for the Consolidated Government of Columbus, Georgia, as adopted and amended by Council, shall apply to all invitations for bids and award of all contracts and is specifically incorporated herein by reference.



NOTICE TO VENDORS

Per Sec. 2-3.05 of the Procurement Ordinance, neither the mayor nor any member of the Columbus Council shall submit any bid to the Consolidated Government, nor shall the mayor or any member of the Columbus Council own or have a substantial pecuniary interest in any business that submits a bid to the Consolidated Government.

Per Sect. 2-3.06 of the Procurement Ordinance, no member of any board or authority or commission or other independent or subordinate entity of the Consolidated Government shall submit any bid to the Consolidated Government or have a substantial pecuniary interest in any business that submits a bid to the Consolidated Government if such bid pertains to the board or authority or commission on which such person holds such membership.

BID BOND SUBMISSION

The City will accept a copy of a bid bond at the bid opening. However, if a copy of a bid bond is submitted, the bidder must submit to the Purchasing Division the identical original document within 5 days after the bid opening. If the original document is not received within 5 days, then the bid will not be considered. The Bid Bond must be for 5% of Bidder's maximum Bid price.

BUSINESS LICENSE

The successful contractor shall submit a <u>copy</u> of the Business License (Occupation License) that is required to conduct business at their location. If awarded the contract, the successful contractor must obtain a business license from the City of Columbus. However, if the business is located in Georgia and has proof of being properly licensed by a municipality in Georgia, and paid applicable occupation taxes in that city, the contractor will not be required to pay occupation taxes in Columbus, GA. If you have questions regarding this requirement, contact Yvonne Ivey, Revenue Manager, 706-225-3091 or <u>vivey@columbusga.org</u>.

ADDENDA

Each Bidder must acknowledge receipt of addenda (if any) within their sealed submittal; failure to do so may render the Bidder's submittal non-responsive and ineligible for further consideration. The Purchasing Division will post any and all addenda on the Bid Opportunities web page of Columbus Consolidated Government, at https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm. Bidders are responsible for periodically visiting the web page, to check for addenda, prior to the bid due date and before submitting a bid.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Columbus Consolidated Government in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d—42 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, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

REJECTION OF BIDS

The Columbus Consolidated Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PARTICIPATION

Mott's Green Plaza P. I. #0015287 (Re-bid) RFB No. 21-0037

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal for this project is <u>8%</u> of the total respective project cost. The UCP Directory of GDOT-certified DBE vendors is available at <u>http://www.dot.ga.gov/PS/Business/DBE</u>.

Additional DBE information, requirements and forms may be found in the Plan Book.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR NEED CLARIFICATION ABOUT THIS SOLICITATION?

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING ANY SOLICITATION CURRENTLY ADVERTISED MUST TAKE PLACE IN WRITTEN FORM AND ADDRESSED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

ANY INQUIRY RECEIVED BY NOON (12:00 PM) ON THE FIFTH CALENDAR DAY PRIOR TO THE DATE FIXED FOR THE OPENING OF BIDS WILL BE GIVEN CONSIDERATION.

ALL QUESTIONS OR CLARIFICATIONS CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. THE CITY WILL NOT ORALLY OR TELEPHONICALLY ADDRESS ANY QUESTION OR CLARIFICATION REGARDING BID/PROPOSAL SPECIFICATIONS. IF A VENDOR VISITS OR CALLS THE PURCHASING DIVISION WITH SUCH QUESTIONS, HE OR SHE WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT THE QUESTIONS IN WRITING.

ALL CONTACT CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION SHALL BE MADE THROUGH THE PURCHASING DIVISION. BIDDERS SHALL NOT CONTACT CITY EMPLOYEES, DEPARTMENT HEADS, USING AGENCIES, EVALUATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS OR ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH QUESTIONS OR ANY OTHER CONCERNS ABOUT THE SOLICITATION. QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CONCERNS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION IN WRITING. IF IT IS NECESSARY THAT A TECHNICAL QUESTION NEEDS ADDRESSING, THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD SUCH TO THE USING AGENCY, WHO WILL SUBMIT A WRITTEN RESPONSE.

THE PURCHASING DIVISION WILL FORWARD WRITTEN RESPONSES TO THE RESPECTIVE BIDDER OR IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO REVISE ANY PART OF THIS SOLICITATION, A WRITTEN ADDENDUM WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL BIDDERS.

THE CITY IS NOT BOUND BY ANY ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR CHANGES MADE TO THE WRITTEN SPECIFICATIONS BY CITY EMPLOYEES, UNLESS SUCH CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE IS PROVIDED TO THE BIDDERS IN A WRITTEN ADDENDUM FROM THE PURCHASING MANAGER.

BIDDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO USE THE ENCLOSED "QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM" TO FAX OR EMAIL QUESTION.

ANY REQUEST, AFTER A SOLICITATION HAS CLOSED AND PENDING AWARD, MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM

DATE:

- TO: Della Lewis, CPPB Buyer Specialist Email <u>BidOpportunities@ColumbusGA.org</u> or Fax 706-225-3033
- **RE:** RFP No. 21-0037, Mott's Green Plaza P. I. #0015287 (Re-Bid)

I have the following concern(s)/question(s) about the specifications:

From:			
Company Name	Website		
Representative	Email Ad	dress	
Complete Address	City	State	Zip
Telephone Number	Fax Num	ber	

COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THIS SOLICITATION

THIS PAGE MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH THE VENDOR'S BID/PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS FORM WILL AUTOMATICALLY RENDER VENDOR'S RESPONSE NON-RESPONSIVE.

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BIDDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO USE THE ENCLOSED "QUESTION/CLARIFICATION FORM" TO FAX OR EMAIL QUESTION. **QUESTIONS AND REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST FIVE (5)** *BUSINESS* **DAYS BEFORE THE DUE DATE.**

ANY REQUEST/CONCERN/PROTEST, AFTER A SOLICITATION HAS CLOSED AND PENDING AWARD, MUST ALSO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE PURCHASING DIVISION.

I agree to forward all communication about this solicitation, in writing, to the Purchasing Division. I understand that communication with other persons, other than the Purchasing Division, will render my Bid/Proposal response non-responsive and I will no longer be considered in the solicitation process.

Vendor Name: _____

Print Name of Authorized Agent: _____

Signature of Authorized Agent:

APPENDIX A

DEMANDSTAR SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Purchasing Division is suspending the receipt of hard copies of sealed responses and public solicitation openings until further notice. Effective immediately, responses must be submitted via DemandStar. See Appendices B, C & D for Submission Requirements Checklist, Registering for DemandStar and Responding to an Electronic Bid in DemandStar.

There is no cost to submit responses electronically through DemandStar; you will only incura fee if you opt to receive e-notifications directly from DemandStar. You must select "Columbus Consolidated Government" as your free agency (see registration instructions). Solicitations may be accessed thru the DemandStar link that is posted at

<u>https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/opportunities/Bid_Opportunities.htm</u>. Per Georgia HB489, the Purchasing Division will continue to post solicitations on the Georgia Procurement Registry. To receive future procurement notifications, you must register with the Team Georgia Marketplace at <u>http://doas.ga.gov/state-</u> <u>purchasing/suppliers/getting-started-as-a-supplier</u>.

Excluding responses to Requests for Proposals (RFP), a tabulation of responses will be available on DemandStar shortly after the solicitation closes. The Purchasing Division will also continue to post tabulations at

<u>https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasing/docs/tabulations/bid_tabulations.htm</u>. The Purchasing Division's tabulation of bids shall be the official tabulation.

Failure to submit electronic responses, via DemandStar, will result in the rejection of your response. Submittals received via U.S. Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, etc., will be returned unopened at the expense of the sender. The Purchasing Division will not accept hand-delivered submittals, and will immediately discard any submittal left in the reception area of the Finance Department.

The Purchasing Division sincerely appreciates your cooperation during these unprecedented times.

APPENDIX B

ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

MOTT'S GREEN PLAZA P.I. #0015287 (RE-BID) RFB NO. 21-0037

Please submit your electronic response as instructed below:

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

- 1. Vendors shall submit <u>only</u> the required documents listed using the "Bidder Response ALL Documents" function.
- 2. Zip files with multiple files are not acceptable; vendors shall submit one PDF file of their submittal.
- **3.** Due to file size limitations, please **do not resend the City's full specifications** as this information is already on file.
- 4. In the event DemandStar requires a dollar value for your submittal, enter "0".
- DBE Goals form

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- *Communication Concerning this Solicitation* form (page 7 of 15 of RFB document)
- Bid Bond & Power of Attorney
- GDOT Contractor Affidavit/ Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act Affidavit
 - Federal Aid Certifications
 - Equal Employment Opportunity
 - Examination of Plans and Specifications
 - Conflict of Interest
 - Drug Free Workplace
 - Boycott of Israel
 - Non-Collusion Certification

Proposal Forms, including acknowledgment of addenda (pages PR – 1 thru PR – 2)

Page 1 of Form W-9 (https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf)

APPENDIX C

Registering for DemandStar



We are pleased to announce our membership in the DemandStar network. DemandStar is an online marketplace that connects our suppliers directly to the bids, quotes and RFPs that matter to them.

DemandStar is open and accessible to all businesses and provides instant access to our solicitations. By registering for your complimentary DemandStar account, you will receive:

- Instant access to bids, quotes and RFPs
- Automatic notifications, right to you inbox, of bids that match the commodity codes you select
- The ability to quickly view the contractual terms and scope of work
- All the forms and documents you need in one place
- Access to more government bids in neighboring cities, counties and states

It's EASY! Get started with these 3 easy steps!

1 REGISTER

Go to: https://www.demandstar.com/registration

Create an Account with DemandStar

You are one step away from picking your free government agency

Email Address

Your email address here

Company Name

Your company name here

I accept the DemandStar Terms of Use and Privacy Policy

Next



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2 CHOOSE YOUR FREE AGENCY

Type in the name of the government agency you'd like to add, for example "City of Metropolis" in the Search Box

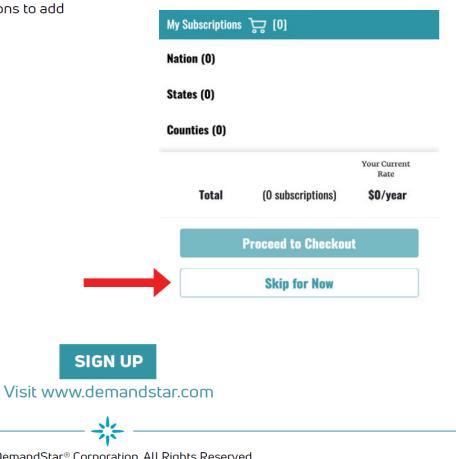
Choose Your Free Agency

Receive full access to the government agency of your choice and receive advance notifications of new opportunities.

Narrow down your sear	ch by	selecting a state and county.
State		County
Select State	•	Select County
City of Metropiolis – Board	d of C	ommisioners

Metropolis Technical College

You have chosen <u>Metropolis Technical College</u> as your free agency. Add additional government agencies below for \$25 per County, Statewide and National subscriptions available.



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3 CHECK OUT

Check out with your **FREE AGENCY** Registration by clicking "Skip for now" on the page where it gives you options to add additional counties and States

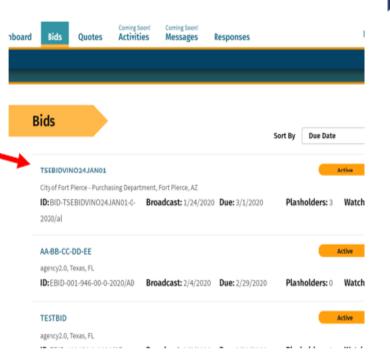


Responding to an Electronic Bid

5 Step Instructions

Many governments are moving toward requiring bid responses electronically. Here are the steps to respond to a bid Electronically.

• Click on the solicitation name



Once you are in the solicitation, you will see the Bid Details page that is standard for all solicitations

 When you are ready to submit your bid, click on "Submit E-Bid Proposal"

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			Submit E-Bid Proposal

Enter information requested pageby-page and you can see what will come next via the menu bar on the left under "E-Bid Progress"

If there is not a total bid amount in your submission, please put "0"

Example: a request for qualifications opportunity may not require a bid amount so vendors will input "0" under "Bid Amount"

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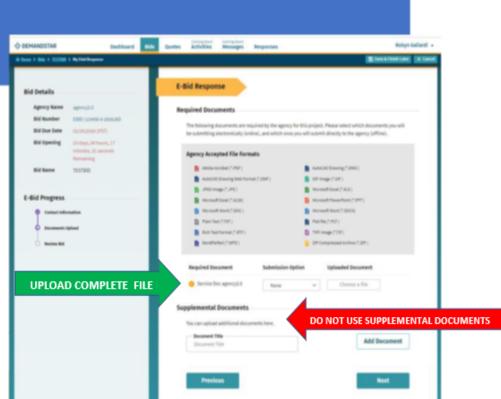
After you click NEXT on the Contract Information page, you will be directed to enter the documents required.

Create one (1) file containing **only** the required documents listed on the "*Electronic Proposal Submission Checklist*" page of the specifications and upload using the "**Bidder Response ALL Documents**" function.

NOTE: Do not enter information using the "Supplemental Documents" function.

Due to file size limitations, please <u>do not</u> include the City's specification document in your uploaded response as this information is already on file. Font and page limitations may also apply.

BEST PRACTICE TIP: In some instances, multiple addenda may be issued for a solicitation. To avoid having to re-upload your firm's response file multiple times, it is recommended that vendors upload within five (5) business days of the due date. The City posts all documents, to include addenda, on the Finance Department Bid Opportunities web page: https://www.columbusga.gov/finance/purchasi ng/docs/opportunities/Bid Opportunities.htm.



Review Your E-Bid Response, and if everything is correct, then press "Submit Response"

You are done! And the government to which you've submitted this will download your responses and documents and see the day and time upon which you submitted your proposal.

