

## SOLICITATION – NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Kent State University will accept separate sealed proposals from Prime Contractors for the **General Contracting Contract** until **11:00 A.M. local time on Friday, April 15, 2022**. Proposals WILL NOT be accepted afterwards under any circumstances. The bids will be opened at the Office of the University Architect, Suite 101 Harbourt Hall, 615 Loop Road, P.O. Box 5190, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242-0001, for furnishing the material and performing the labor for the execution and construction of:

**PROJECT NO. KSU-22L058**  
**Verder Hall & Willow Street Parking Expansion**  
**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY KENT CAMPUS, KENT, OHIO IN PORTAGE COUNTY**

*Bids will be received for:*

	<b>ESTIMATED BASE BID COST</b>	<b>TOTAL ALTERNATE COST ESTIMATE</b>
<b>CONTRACT:</b>		
<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>\$1,349,999.00</b>	<b>\$449,296.00</b>

All Bidders are ***strongly encouraged to attend*** the **Pre-Bid Meeting at 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022**, at the Kent State Office of the University Architect, Suite 101 Harbourt Hall, 615 Loop Road, Kent, Ohio 44242. The time for **Substantial Completion** is **95 consecutive days from the Notice to Proceed** and shall be achieved no later than **Friday, August 19, 2022**.

The Bidder must include a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond for 100% of the amount of their bid or a certified check in the amount of 10% of their total bid. See Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Portage County Prevailing Wages and Equal Employment Opportunity requirements are applicable to this Project. The Bidder may be subject to a Pre-Award Affirmative Action Compliance Review in accordance with Section 123:2-5-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code including a review of the Bidder's employment records and an on-site review.

This Project is subject to the State of Ohio's Encouraging Diversity, Growth, and Equity ("EDGE") Business Development Program. The Bidder is required to submit with their Bid and with their Bidder's Qualifications form, certain information about the EDGE-Certified Business Enterprise(s) participating on the Project with the Bidder. Refer to subparagraph 6.1.12 of the Instructions to Bidders. The **EDGE Participation Goal for the Project is nine percent (9%)**. The percentage is determined by the contracted value of goods, services, materials, and labor that are provided by EDGE-certified business(es). The participation is calculated on the total amount of each awarded contract. For more information about EDGE, contact the State of Ohio EDGE Certification Office at <https://das.ohio.gov/eod>, or at its physical location: 4200 Surface Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228-1395; or by telephone at 614-466-8380.

The Bidder must indicate on the Bid Form, the locations where their services will be performed in the spaces provided or by attachment in accordance with the requirements of Executive Order 2019-12D related to providing services only within the United States. Failure to do so may cause the Bid to be rejected as non-responsive.

Domestic Steel Use Requirements as specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 153.011 apply to this Project. Copies of Ohio Revised Code Section 153.011 can be obtained from any of the offices of the Ohio Department of Administrative Services.

Bidders are encouraged to be enrolled in and to be in good standing in a Drug-Free Safety Program ("DFSP") approved by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation ("OBWC") prior to submitting a Bid and provide, on the Bid Form with their Bid, certain information relative to their enrollment in such a program; and, if awarded a Contract, shall comply with other DFSP criteria described in General Conditions Paragraph 1.10 – Drug Free Safety Program Participation.

The OAKS Capital Improvements ("OAKS CI") module, Ohio's Web-based project management system, is being utilized for the Project. The Contractor shall use OAKS CI module for all compatible services required under the Contract. All costs for the Contractor's use of OAKS CI for the Project shall be included in the Contract Sum, and additional compensation shall not be provided. If the Contractor is unfamiliar with the proper use of OAKS CI, the Contractor shall provide its employees for training without additional compensation.

Technical questions should be referred to: **Bob Doyle, Project Manager at SmithGroup**; 110 Depot Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104; Telephone: (734) 548-0408; E-mail: [bob.doyle@smithgroup.com](mailto:bob.doyle@smithgroup.com). E-mail is preferred.

Contract Documents may be purchased by Bidders only at their expense from ARC Planroom, 3666 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, telephone: 216-281-1234. For set cost information, click on the Public Projects in Ohio link at the following Web site: <https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/ARCPlanRoom.aspx#>. Contractors will be required to purchase the complete set; no partial sets will be issued prior to the receipt of the bids and the award of the Contracts.

The University reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Joseph A. Graham, RA, Executive Director and University Architect  
Kent State University Office of the University Architect  
Kent, Ohio 44242

Record-Courier Advertised Dates: March 24, 31, and April 7, 2022

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