

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Pursuant to Chapter 193 of the Acts of 2004, the City of Somerville, Massachusetts, the Awarding Authority, acting through its Capital Projects Management Department, invites sealed Requests for Qualifications for both General Contractors and Subcontractors for the Dr. Albert F. Argenziano School at Lincoln Park project. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be used to pre-qualify General contractors and subcontractors who will be invited to submit a bid pursuant to Section 44E of Chapter 149 as amended by Chapter 193 of the Acts of 2004.

Requests for Qualifications documents are available from the City of Somerville Purchasing Department at 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143, or online at http://www.ci.somerville.ma.us/mysom_bids.cfm.

Statements of Qualifications in response to this RFQ shall be signed under the pains and penalties of perjury. Qualifications must be received at the following address no later than Thursday, **September 15, 2005** by 3:00 pm. Please submit one (1) original and seven (7) copies of the information requested in a sealed package marked "Qualifications for General Contracting (or applicable sub-trade) Services – Dr. Albert F. Argenziano School at Lincoln Park." Faxed Transmissions will not be accepted.

Submit to: Gerald R. Boyle, Director
Capital Projects Management Department
City of Somerville
One Franey Road
Somerville, MA 02145

It is anticipated that the pre-qualification process will be completed by Wednesday, **October 12, 2005**. It is anticipated that Contract Documents for the Dr. Albert F. Argenziano School at Lincoln Park will be made available to pre-qualified General Contractors and Subcontractors on Thursday, **October 20, 2005**.

Respondents are strongly encouraged to attend a briefing session that will be held on Thursday, **September 8, 2005** at 11:00 am. The location will be the Academy Room at the Public Safety Building at 220 Washington Street in Somerville, Massachusetts.

The Project includes the construction of a new elementary/middle school on the site of the old school, which has been demolished under a separate contract. The new building is approximately 110,000 square feet and has a maximum height of three stories. It will serve Grades K through 8 and 600 students. The building includes a library, cafeteria, gymnasium, auditorium, public and academic spaces, school administration offices and associated parking. The Project also includes significant site work and off-site improvements, such as traffic system improvements.

The estimated construction cost for the project is \$24,000,000.

Contractors should be aware that Substantial Completion for the school construction is to be achieved on or before **May 14, 2007**. Demolition of the existing building will take place under separate contract with an expected completion date of January 19, 2006.

Pre-qualification procedures shall be in accordance with M.G.L. c. 149, §44D½, as most recently amended, and all other applicable laws. In evaluating qualifications, the Pre-qualification Committee will base its selection solely on information submitted by any General Contractor or Subcontractor seeking pre-qualification in response to this Request for Qualifications. Each category of information contains a corresponding maximum number of points for the category, including sub-categories, as well as the minimum number of points required for approval. The categories are Management Experience (50 points maximum), References (30 points maximum), Capacity to Complete Projects (20 points maximum) and Mandatory Requirements (0 points)

The Owner's Project Manager for this Project is Gerald R. Boyle, Director of the City's Capital Projects Management Department. The Architect for the Project is Symmes Maini & McKee Associates (SMMA).

There is a prohibition against any unauthorized communication or contact with the City of Somerville and any members of the Somerville Pre-Qualification Committee outside of official pre-bid meetings. Questions requiring formal written responses regarding the RFQ should be addressed in writing to Lorraine Finnegan of Symmes Maini & McKee Associates at 1000 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138 or sent via facsimile to 617-354-5758.