

# COUNTY OF BERKS

## Purchasing Department

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### **NOTICE TO BIDDERS** **Amendment #1 Issued on February 21, 2020** **Re: Invitation to Bid #20-04-GR**

This Amendment should consist of a total of 4 pages. If you have not received this Amendment in its entirety, please contact the County of Berks Purchasing Department at (610) 478-6168.
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The County hereby amends the above noted Invitation to Bid (ITB) as indicated herein. All other details of the ITB remain unchanged. Language that is underlined denotes that which has been added. Language that has been stricken denotes that which is hereby removed.

Where conflict exists between these responses and information in the original ITB package, the responses shall prevail.

A pre-bid conference was held at Berks Heim Nursing Facility located at 1011 Berks Road, Leesport, PA 19533 on February 6, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. The following individuals and companies were represented at the meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Entity</u>
Karl Copenhafer	3B
Steve Warnek	Balton Construction
James Bognet	Bognet, Inc.
Jim Bonfitto	Bonfitto, Inc.
Ed Sanders	Bonfitto, Inc.
Mike Michaels	County of Berks
Rex Levensgood	County of Berks
George Rodrigues	County of Berks
Matt Salkowski	County of Berks
Jared Schmoyer	CS&E
Clint Heimbach	Dolan Construction
Mark Feeg	Entech Engineering
Shawn Frederick	Entech Engineering
Mark Ray	Entech Engineering
Mark Coutts	Pagoda Electrical
Matt Loftus	Siemens
Zach Krachmal	Trefz Mechanical
Gary Davidson	Tri-County Mechanical
Kurt Fritz	Uhrig Construction
Tyler Thompson	Vision Mechanical
Spencer Dekhayser	Zimmerman Studio

Several key points were reviewed by the Purchasing Department at the beginning of the pre-bid meeting. They were:

1. As per Section One, Instruction to Bidders, Clause 3.2.2. submit all questions in writing to the County point of contact, as detailed therein. Deadline for questions is 7 days prior to deadline for receipt of bids.
2. As per Section One, Instructions to Bidders, Clause 3.2.3. an amendment will be issued to respond to any and all questions and clarifications submitted and/or identified as needed by the County. Questions answered, or responses not set forth in an amendment shall not be valid and binding upon the County.
3. As per Section One, Instructions to Bidders, Clause 3.3. a Bid that contains exceptions or offers substitute products not previously approved by the County may result in the County rejecting the Bid as a non-responsive Bid. All substitutions must be approved by the Architect/Engineer at least 14 business days prior to the deadline for receipt of bids.
4. Section One, Instructions to Bidders, Clause 4.1.6. details whom the bids must be signed by.
5. Section One, Instructions to Bidders, Clause 4.1.9 refers to the deadline for receipt of bids. The County Controller's clock shall be considered the official time. There shall be no exceptions to the Bid Deadline.
6. As per Section One, Instructions to Bidders, Clause 4.2.1 each bid must be accompanied by bid security. All bonds must be submitted on the County's form.
8. Section One, Instructions to Bidders, Clause 11 details insurance requirements. Please review carefully with your agency/broker to ensure you meet or exceed all the limits and the endorsements identified therein.
9. Page 3 of the Bid Form lists documents that must be submitted with each bid. Please use this listing as a checklist to ensure your bid is in conformance.
10. Sign up for eAlerts on the Purchasing page of [www.countyofberks.com](http://www.countyofberks.com)

Following is a list of questions asked at the pre-bid meeting, and the County's response to each question, as well as clarifications addressed. The responses to these questions form an integral part of the ITB package and these responses may alter a Contractor's responsibilities in submitting a bid. Where conflict exists between these responses and information in the original ITB package, the responses shall prevail.

**Clarification 1**

**Instructions to Bidders – Article 9 – Duration of Contracts**

- 9.3.1 Final completion date of all work shall be 240 calendar days following the issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Additional timeline dates are as follows:
  - 9.3.1.1 The building shall be ready to accept major equipment within 123 calendar days following the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.
  - 9.3.1.2 The building shall be ready to accept piping, pipe supports, panels, lighting, and conduit within 123 calendar days from Notice to Proceed.
  - 9.3.1.3 Steam boilers shall be producing steam for use by the facility within 206 calendar days from Notice to Proceed. This constitutes Substantial Completion.
  - 9.3.1.4 Existing steam manholes will need to be closed between Substantial and Final Completion and lawn areas shall be mulched and seeded, but since we will be approaching winter, grass will not be required to sprout prior to Final Completion.

**Instructions to Bidders – Article 9 – Duration of Contracts**

**Q2:** When does construction begin?

**A2:** As per Instructions to Bidders, Clause 9.4, contractors shall begin work within 5 days from the issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

**Clarification 3**

**AIA Document A101, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor – Article 3.3 Substantial Completion**

Portion of Work	Substantial Completion Date
All Work	<u>October 22, 2020 206 calendar days following the issuance of the Notice to Proceed</u>

**Clarification 4**

**Technical Specification - Section 011000 – Summary – Clause 1.4 – Project Information**

- A. Owner: County of Berks
  - 1. Owners Representative: Mike Michaels, ~~Berks Heim Nursing Home Facilities and Operations~~, 1011 Berks Road, Leesport, PA 19533. Telephone Number: 610-376-4841 ext. 7458.

**Clarification 5**

**Technical Specification - Section 011000 – Summary – Clause 1.9 – Work Restrictions**

- B. On-Site Work Hours: Limit work to between 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise indicated. Work hours may be modified to meet Project requirements if approved by Owner.
  - 1. Hours for Utility Shutdowns: Coordinate with Owner.
  - 2. Hours for Core Drilling and other noisy activities: Limit work to between 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
  - 3. Work in Laundry must be performed after 3:00 p.m. Work hours in the Laundry shall be coordinated with Owner.

## Clarification 6

### Technical Specifications – Section 231127 – Synthetic Natural Gas System – Clause 2.4 – Miscellaneous Items

#### 2.4 Miscellaneous Items

~~A. Gas Properties Analyzer – The sensing element of the gas properties analyzer shall be installed directly at the vaporizer/mixer skid, and the electronic components of the Gas Properties Analyzer shall be an integral part of the vaporizer/mixer controls. The Gas Properties Analyzer shall operate on a specific gravity basis and shall not require a temperature controlled installation location. The Gas Properties Analyzer shall have a semi-automatic calibration function in which two inert gases can be used to periodically calibrate the Gas Properties Analyzer. The semi-automatic calibration function shall be menu driven through the operator interface in the vaporizer/mixer control panel.~~

## Clarification 7

### Technical Specifications – Section 235250 – Steam Boilers and Ancillary Equipment – Clause 2.05 – Fuel Burning System

D. The remote mount burner NEMA 12 control panel will be field mounted and wired by the contractor as noted on the contract drawings. The burner controls shall include Siemens flame safeguard control, minimum 12" 6" HMI with full color graphics package, control transformer, signal lights, manual firing rate control, and flame failure alarm circuit. Burner motor, burner motor starter, interlocks, ignition equipment, and flame detector shall be wired to the control cabinet terminal strip.

### Technical Specifications – Section 260500 – Basic Electrical Requirements – Clause 1.4 – Description of Work

**Q8:** Are fire alarms included?

**A8:** As per Technical Specifications Section 260500, Clause 1.4.A.5, contractor shall provide new alarm system devices for the boiler room and connect to the existing fire alarm system. It will not be necessary to run wiring all the way back to the main fire alarm control panel.

### Drawing List – Drawing M-601 – Mechanical Piping and Instrument Diagram

**Q9:** Are actuated valves electric or pneumatic?

**A9:** As per Drawing M-601, Mechanical Piping and Instrument Diagram, all actuated valves and dampers shall be electrically operated.

Should you have any questions regarding this Amendment, please contact George Rodrigues, Senior Contract Coordinator, via phone at (610) 478-6168 ext. 6270 or via email at [grodrigues@countyofberks.com](mailto:grodrigues@countyofberks.com).