INVITATION TO BID

FOR PROJECTS ESTIMATED TO COST LESS THAN $500,000.00

FOR CURRENTLY CERTIFIED SET-ASIDE CONTRACTORS ONLY

This "Invitation To Bid" is *limited* to participation by *current* **certified** "Set-Aside Contractors" that have been certified by the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS) by the "bid opening date."

ADV. NO. 08-05-I **DATE OF INVITATION: November 23, 2007**

SEALED BIDS ADDRESSED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS - STATE OF CONNECTICUT FOR:

Project Title:	Building Fire Alarm System and Kitchen Exhaust W/Fire Suppression System for the CT Building at the Big E West Springfield, Massachusetts
Project Number:	BI-2B-255
Special Requirement:	N/A
Cost Estimate Range:	$159,000. – $175,000.
Plans & Specs Ready:	November 28, 2007
Non-Refundable Fee Per Set	**$ NOT APPLICABLE**
Examination and Acquisition of Plans & Specs	**State Of Connecticut, Department Of Public Works, Plans And Specifications Section, Room No. G-36, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106**, 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Monday-Friday) or by addressing a request to the above address with your Fedex number.
MBE Participation	**Good Faith Effort**
Pre-Bid Conference:	All prospective bidders are required to attend a **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Conference
Pre-Bid Conference **Time**	to be held AT 2:00 PM
Pre-Bid Conference **Date**	ON December 5, 2007
Pre-Bid Conference **Location**	AT Connecticut Building, Eastern States Expo, West Springfield Massachusetts
Pre-Bid Conference **Registration**	All prospective bidders are required to *properly* register. *Proper* registration means that the attendee has *signed* his or her name to the **official roster** and *listed* the name and address of the company he or she represents on the official roster no later than the designated start time of the pre-bid conference. No attendee will be allowed to register *after* the advertised start time of the pre-bid conference. **Bids** submitted by contractors who have *not properly* registered and attended the pre-bid conference shall be *rejected* as non-responsive.
Pre-Bid Conference **Contact**	Donald Poulin
Bid Opening Date:	January 8, 2008
Receipt of Bid Package	Bids will be *received* at the STATE OFFICE BUILDING, 165 CAPITOL AVENUE, HARTFORD, CT, 06106 in ROOM No.

	G-36 UNTIL 1:00 P.M. on the date shown above and thereafter publicly *opened* and *read* aloud in ROOM No. G-32.
Gift And Campaign Contribution Certification	If awarded the subject contract and the contract has a value of **$50,000** or more the contractor will be required to sign and submit, at the time of contract execution, **Gift And Campaign Contribution Certification**. See the DPW home page, **http://www.ct.gov/dpw**, click on Affidavits, and then click on Contractor/Consultant Certification. For the purposes of signing the Certification, the "date DPW began planning" the subject project or services is such date noted below.
Date DPW Began Planning the Subject Project:	July 18, 2006
Bid Security	As **security**, each bid must be accompanied by a CERTIFIED CHECK made payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut," or by a BID BOND, in the form required by the awarding authority and having surety thereto such Surety Company or Companies as are authorized to do business in this State and/or accepted by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works for an amount not less than 10% of the bid if the bid is in **excess of $50,000.00**.
To access the Department of Public Works web site: http://www.state.ct.gov/dpw	
To access Executive Order #1: http://www.ct.gov/governorrell/cwp/view.asp?Q=276038&A=1720	
To access Executive Order #7c: http://www.ct.gov/governorrell/cwp/view.asp?A=1719&Q=317970	

Performance and Labor and Material Bonds to be furnished by the bidder awarded the contract shall be an amount not less than 100% of the contract price if the bid is in **excess of $100,000.00**.

The awarding authority reserves the right to waive technical defects or to reject any and all bids.

Nonresident contractors: A certificate from the Commissioner of Revenue Services must be provided which evidences that Connecticut General Statutes Section 12-430 for non-resident contractors has been met. For details call the Department of Revenue Services at (860) 541-3280, ext. 7.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS:

The Contract is subject to the provisions of Executive Order No. Three of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated June 16, 1971, concerning labor employment practices, Executive Order No. Seventeen of Governor Thomas J. Meskill, promulgated February 15, 1973, concerning the listing of employment openings and Executive Order No. Sixteen of Governor John G. Rowland promulgated August 4, 1999, concerning violence in the workplace, all of which are incorporated into and are made a part of the Contract as if they had been fully set forth in it. At the Contractor's request, the Client Agency shall provide a copy of these orders to the Contractor. The Contract may also be subject to Executive Order No. 7C of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated July 13, 2006, concerning contracting reforms and Executive Order No. 14 of Governor M. Jodi Rell, promulgated April 17, 2006, concerning procurement of cleaning products and services, in accordance with their respective terms and conditions.

This contract is subject to the provisions of the Department of Public Works Sexual Harassment Policy ("Policy") and, as such, the contract may be canceled, terminated, or suspended by DPW for violation of or noncompliance with said Policy. Said document is hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as though fully set forth herein. This policy may be found at the Department of Public Works Website **http://www.ct.gov/dpw/lib/dpw/20060929125516122.pdf**

All technical questions must be in writing (not phoned or emailed) and faxed to the Architect/Engineer with a copy to the DPW Project Manager listed below.

Architect/Engineer:	Consulting Engineering Services, Inc.	Fax No:	(860) 632-1768
DPW Project Manager:	Ashour Gevargisnia	Fax No:	(860) 713-7270

All bid questions should be addressed to the Purchasing Officer listed below.

Purchasing Officer:	Gail Blythe	Fax No:	(860) 713-7395

Contract Time Allowed: 90 Calendar Days

Liquidated Damages: $ 206.00 Per Calendar Day

Prevailing Wage Rates: Prevailing wages are required on this project, in accordance with the schedule provided in the bid documents, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 31-53, as may be amended.

Each contractor who is awarded a contract on or after October 1, 2002 shall be subject to provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes Section 31-53 and Section 31-55a.

Wage Rates will be posted each July 1st on the Department of Labor website: www.ctdol.state.ct.us . Such prevailing wage adjustment shall not be considered a matter for any contract amendment.

The wages paid on an hourly basis to any mechanic, laborer or workman employed upon the work herein contracted to be done and the amount of payment or contribution paid or payable on behalf of each such employee to any employee welfare fund, as defined in subsection (h) of section 31-53 of the Connecticut General Statutes, shall be at a rate equal to the rate customary or prevailing for the same work in the same trade or occupation in the town in which such public works project is being constructed. Any contractor who is not obligated by agreement to make payment or contribution on behalf of such employees to any such employee welfare fund shall pay to each employee as part of his wages the amount of payment or contribution for his classification on each pay day.

Procurement

Department of Public Works