NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID

Polk County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, is soliciting bids for the following: **BID #24-154**, **Polk County Emergency Operations Center Warehouse**.

A **MANDATORY** pre-bid will be held January 19, 2024, 11:00 a.m. in the Polk County Emergency Operations Center, located at 1890 Jim Keene Boulevard, Winter Haven, FL 33880. A MANDATORY site visit will immediately follow. An authorized representative or agent of the Bidder must be present at this meeting, as evidenced by their signature on the meeting's sign-in sheet, or the Bidder's Submittal will be considered non-responsive.

Bid packages may be obtained from the Procurement Division, 330 West Church Street, Room 150, Bartow, Florida, 33830, (863) 534-6757 or downloaded from our FTP site. Bids must be submitted in a "sealed" parcel or may be submitted electronically. Bids will be publicly opened and read at 2:00 p.m. on receiving date.

To obtain a copy of the specifications and drawings please go the following FTP site: https://ftp3.polk-county.net, you will be prompted for a User ID and Password. The User ID is *procurevendor* and the password is *solicitation*. After you have logged in to the FTP site, double click on the file folder "Bid 24-154, Bid Attachments", select "Open" or "Save As" to download the Bid documents, drawings, and technical specifications. If you need assistance accessing this website due to ADA or any other reason, please email Tabatha Shirah at tabathashirah@polk-county.net.

Scope of Work: This project is to install and construct a 8,000 square-foot emergency management logistics warehouse facility to be used for storage of special needs shelter supplies and equipment at the Public Safety Complex. The construction cost estimate for the project is \$1,334,935.00.

Qualification Requirements: Contractor must be licensed in the State of Florida as Certified Building Contractor (CBC) or General Contractor (GC) and shall have experience in completing at least three similar projects within the past five years. The contract time for this project is a total of 240 calendar days from Notice to Proceed for final completion.

Receiving Date: Prior to 2:00 pm., Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

BID OPENING: Bidders may attend the Bid Opening via conference call by dialing (646) 558-8656 and enter Meeting ID: 327 647 2818. Vendors that want to attend in person may do so in compliance with safe COVID 19 practices. A listing of all bidders will be posted to Procurement's website as soon as possible after bid opening.

QUESTIONS: Questions regarding this bid should be in writing and should reference the above Bid. Submit all questions to Tabatha Shirah, Procurement Analyst, via email at tabathashirah@polkcounty.net by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

Special Instructions: The County hereby notifies all Bidders that Women/Minority Business Enterprise firms are to be afforded a full opportunity to participate in any bid by the County and will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin. It is asked that Bidders make good faith efforts to use qualified W/MBE subcontractors in preparing their bid. Bidders are encouraged to contact the Office of Supplier Diversity at (863) 534-5959 for assistance or visit our website at: https://vcl.polk.one/vendordirectory

STATEMENT OF NO BID BID #24-154

If submitting a "NO BID", Bidder shall return this form to the Polk County Board of County Commissioners Procurement Division, 330 West Church Street, Room 150, Bartow, Florida 33830; or fax it to (863) 534-6789.

We have declined to bid on the above-mentioned bid for the following reasons (Please		
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