

## **INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The Palmerton Area School District will receive sealed Bids for **A Proposed ADA Access Ramp Project at the S.S. Palmer Elementary School** (298 Lafayette Avenue, Palmerton, PA 18071) in the Borough of Palmerton, Carbon County, Pennsylvania.

The proposed work will include the demolition and removal of the existing concrete steps and existing concrete retaining wall areas at the main entrance to the building. The project will also include the construction of new retaining walls, a plain cement concrete ADA walkway area, new plain cement concrete steps, metal railings and handrails, and the final restoration of the site. **The site work Contractor awarded this project will also be responsible to coordinate all exterior work with the Building Contractor (to be awarded via a separate bid) that will be responsible for completing the proposed interior improvements to the building.** All work is anticipated to commence after the close of the school year in June of 2024 and all work shall be completed prior to the start of the school year in August of 2024.

Bid proposals will be received until **3:00 P.M.** local time on **Tuesday** the **12th** day of **March 2024**, at the **Palmerton Area School District Business Office, 680 Fourth Street, Palmerton, Pennsylvania 18071.** All bids will then be publicly opened and read aloud in the Palmerton Area School District Board Room. All bids will then be reviewed, and it is anticipated that the project will be awarded at the Palmerton Area School Board Meeting on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024.**

Copies of the Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, may be obtained on or after **February 9, 2024,** at the following location: the office of Keystone Consulting Engineers Inc., 863 Interchange Road, Suite 101, Kresgeville, Pennsylvania 18333. A \$50.00 (\$55.00, if mailed) non-refundable fee payable to Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc. will be required for each set of documents obtained.

**A pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 11:00 am at the main entrance to the S.S. Palmer Elementary School (298 Lafayette Avenue, Palmerton, PA 18071). All bidders are encouraged to attend this pre-bid meeting to review the project area and to ask questions related to the bid package.**

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the Palmerton Area School District or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bond or bonds in the amount of not less than one-hundred percent (100%) of the estimated amount. An acceptable surety company is anyone included in the latest issue of the U.S. Treasury Department Circular 570 listings and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance to do business in Pennsylvania.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this Project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The Successful Bidder will be required to provide the Palmerton Area School District with the following clearances for all workers, employees, and/or sub-contractors who will be performing services on this site in the School District: Act 34, Act 151, as amended, and FBI background checks.

The Palmerton Area School District reserves the right to reject all or any Bids or parts thereof and waive technicalities as it deems best in the interest of the School District. Additionally, all unit price and total cost amounts must be completed on the bid sheets to be considered a complete bid.

Bids may be held by the Palmerton Area School District for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of the Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked **“A Proposed ADA Access Ramp Project at the S.S. Palmer Elementary School”** and **“Attention: Ryan Kish – Business Manager”**.

By: Ryan Kish

Title: Business Manager

Date: February 9, 2024

Times News: February 9, February 12, and February 15, 2024