

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for **Fire Protection Construction at West Branch Elementary School** will be received on a lump sum basis in the following contract categories by the West Branch Area School District at the **District Administration Office, 516 Allport Cutoff, Morrisdale, PA 16858** until **11:00 AM Wednesday, April 23, 2025**.

Immediately after the close of bidding, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the **High School Auditorium** of the West Branch Area School District. Park at the West End (football field end) and enter at the District Office.

Bids for the above project are invited in the following contract categories:

Contract No. 1 – **Fire Protection Construction**

J.C. Orr & Son, Inc. is the Prime Contractor for the General Construction work. All General Construction, Structural, and Sitework shown on the documents are for reference only.

Quandel Energy Solutions is the Prime Contractor for the HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical work. All HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical work shown on the Documents are for reference only.

The Architect is EI Associates, Architects & Engineers, PC, 2001 North Front Street, Building No. 3, Harrisburg, PA 17102-2118. Go to www.eiassoc.com/contractors/ for more information. During the bidding period, questions regarding the project should be e-mailed to the attention of Ken Bart at kbart@eiassoc.com.

Complete bidding documents, in PDF electronic copy format only, will be available from the Architect at no cost. Hard copy will not be available from the Architect. Please e-mail Ben Goas bgoas@eiassoc.com to request the bidding document order form. The Architect assumes no responsibility for information derived from incomplete sets of documents or for issuing addenda to entities who obtain documents from sources other than the Architect.

Documents will be not available for examination at the Architect's office. Documents may be available at the following locations: Pennsylvania Builders Exchange, Pittsburgh & Harrisburg, PA; Altoona Builders Exchange, Altoona, PA; Lebanon County Builders Association, Lebanon, PA; Northeastern Pennsylvania Contractors Association (NEPCA), Pittston, PA; Lehigh Valley Contractors Association, Bethlehem, PA; Construction Journal; iSqFt Construction Software; The Blue Book Network; CMD Group; and Dodge Data & Analytics.

A **Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference** will be held **Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 11:00 A.M.** in the High School Auditorium, located at 444 Allport Cutoff, Morrisdale, PA 16858. Arrangements to visit the project sites must be made through Mr. David Catherman, Director of Physical Plant, at telephone number (814) 345-5627 Ext. 4166. All visitors to the site are required to announce themselves at the School Building's Main Administration Office and to comply with sign-in and identification procedures established by the School District.

Bids shall be submitted in printed form to the Owner as identified below and shall be mailed or delivered to Owner and be received no later than time stated above. Oral, telephonic, facsimile, e-mail, or telegraphic bids are invalid and will not receive consideration. Except as provided by law, bids shall be irrevocable for sixty (60) days after bid opening date, unless award of contracts is delayed due to required approvals of another governmental agency, sale of bonds, or the award of a grant or grants. If so delayed, bids shall be irrevocable for one hundred twenty (120) days in compliance with the Commonwealth Procurement Code.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid guarantee in the form of a certified check, a cashier's check or a bid bond of an approved Surety Company in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid. Check or bond shall be drawn in favor of West Branch Area School District.

Notice is given that this construction work for which bids are being solicited constitutes a public works project subject to applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act of August 15, 1961, P.L. 987, as amended and supplemented. Appropriate prevailing minimum rates, as promulgated under provisions of said Act, must be paid by contractors in connection with performance of the necessary work. Notice is also given that this project is subject to the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, the Act of October 27, 1955, P.L. 744, as amended and supplemented.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof and to waive, at his discretion, any or all irregularities, mistakes, omissions, or informalities relative thereto.

Owner: West Branch Area School District
Mark Mitchell, Superintendent