

**INVITATION TO BID**  
**WARREN COUNTY SCHOOLS**  
**WARREN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL RELATED ARTS BUILDING HVAC UPGRADES**

Separate sealed bids for the, Warren County Middle School Related Arts Building HVAC Upgrades will be received by the Warren County School System, McMinnville, Tennessee at the Warren County Finance Office, 201 Locust Street; Suite 2, McMinnville, TN 37110 until 10:00 A.M. CST, local time, on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Finance Office and then at said time publicly opened and read aloud.

Project consists of the following:  
Warren County Middle School Related Arts Building HVAC Upgrades

The Instructions to Bidders, Form of Agreement, Drawings, Specifications, Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bonds, and other bidding instruments may be examined at Warren County Schools Maintenance Office at 345 Pioneer Lane, McMinnville, TN and the following location:

OLIVER-RHOADS & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
**Consulting Engineers**  
301 Industrial Blvd.  
Tullahoma, TN 37388  
(931) 454-9940

Copies may be obtained at the office of OLIVER-RHOADS & ASSOCIATES, INC., Consulting Engineers, upon the NON-REFUNDABLE payment of \$100.00 for each printed set or \$10.00 for each CD containing PDF's of contract documents. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality and to reject any or all bids.

A Pre-Bid will be held at 1:00 P.M. CST, local time, on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the school. The site will not be available any time beyond this date for access prior to bid.

All Bidders must be licensed contractors in the State of Tennessee in strict accordance with State regulations. No bid will be opened unless the outside of the sealed envelope containing the bid provides the following information: the name, license number, the date of the license's expiration, and the classification of the contractors applying to the bid for the prime contract and for electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contracts (if applicable to the project), except when the bid is in an amount less than twenty five thousand dollars (\$25,000). When the bid is less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), the name of the contractor only may appear on the outside of the envelope containing the bid, and upon opening the envelope, if such bid is in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), the same shall automatically be disqualified. Prime contractor bidders who are to perform the electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (if applicable to the project) must be so designated upon the outside of the envelope. Failure of any bidder to comply therewith shall void such bid and the envelope containing such bid shall not be opened or considered. In the case of joint ventures bids, each party submitting the bid must provide this information. All Bidders shall comply with the Contractors Licensing Act of 1976 and as amended (TCA Title 62). All Bidders shall comply with the Tennessee Contractor' License law Section 62-6-119 (Bid documents-Required disclosure by bidders) when submitting bids.

All bids must be made out on the Bid Form bound in the contract documents, and the Bid Form should not be detached from the contract documents. Bids will not be opened from Bidders who have not obtained the contract documents from the Engineer and are not on the bidders list. With the bid, each Bidder must deposit security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, subject to the conditions stated in the Instructions to Bidders. A Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount will be required for the successful Bidder. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening.

Employees of the selected contractor must have a sexual predator background check performed prior to entering any Warren County school grounds as per Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-5-413.

The Warren County Financial Management Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to accept or reject any item thereon, to waive any irregularities in the bid or bidding and/or to abandon or postpone this project without any obligation to bidders. The Warren County Financial Management Committee will act as sole judge of the merit and qualifications of vendors and materials offered and accept whatever bid deemed to be in the best interest of Warren County. The Financial Management Committee reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities.

In case of tie bids, Warren County, Tennessee reserves the right to negotiate with bidders.

By submission of this bid, the vendor agrees to all terms and conditions stated therein.

No bids may be sent via e-mail or fax.

Bids will be awarded accordingly as prescribed by law, which states "lowest and best." A Supreme Court ruling states that the discerning of best lies solely on those requesting the bid and not the bidder. No bidder may withdraw their bid for a period of sixty (60) days after date set for opening of bids.

PUBLIC NOTICE  
TITLE VI OF THE 1964 CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

“No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

Bids must be received by Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. Central Time to be considered.

Please return sealed bids to: Warren County Financial Management Committee  
C/O Warren County Finance Department  
Warren County Administrative Office Building  
201 Locust Street, Suite 2  
McMinnville, Tennessee 37110

Pursuant to T.C.A. 50-9-114, Warren County, Tennessee has adopted a Drug & Alcohol Testing Program and is required to include this information in our bid specifications. Warren County, Tennessee requires Alcohol and Controlled Substances testing for Safety-Sensitive Positions as required by the Federal Omnibus Transportation Employee Act of 1991 and related United States Department of Transportation rules and regulations set forth in 49 CFR Federal Regulations Parts 40 and 382. BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT AN AFFIDAVIT THAT THE BIDDER OPERATES A DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM WITH REQUIREMENTS AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS THAT OF THE PROGRAM OPERATED BY WARREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE.