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**INVITATION TO BID**

1. Notice is hereby given that the governing board ("Board") of the Marin Community College District ("District" or "Owner") will receive sealed bids for the following project ("Project" or "Contract"):

**Utilities IVC Project (407B)**

2. **Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2010**, at the District Swinerton Kentfield Office, 700 College Ave, Building PE-8, Kentfield, CA 94904, at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be non-responsive and returned to the bidder.

**Engineers Estimate \$ 2,000,130**

3. The Project consists of:

Installation of ground coupled heat exchanger (geothermal) field, with a total of 195 bores each 250 feet deep. The geothermal field (bores) will be located throughout parking lots 3 and 4 and a portion of Ignacio Blvd immediately adjacent to those parking lots. The geothermal field piping will be manifolded into three main vaults located by Parking Lots 3 and 4 and then collected into one set of supply and return pipe mains that will carry the water from the field to Power Plant 2. The pipe mains from the geothermal field to Power Plant 2 will be located in a common trench, part of which will require directional boring under the Ignacio Creek located between Parking Lot 2 and the south side of the creek.

The project scope includes modification to the existing Power Plant 2 structure. The 500 square-foot mechanical room will support the geothermal field water distribution to the heat pump units conditioning the IVC campus buildings. Mechanical equipment inside Power Plant 2 includes three pumps and related piping and hydronic appurtenances, as well as electrical gear. Work includes concrete slab to support wood framed walls and roof. Finishes include metal siding, metal roofing, and metal doors and hardware.

The Project completion date shall be August 23, 2010.

4. All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders.
5. To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to possess the following State of California Contractor Licenses:

Driller must possess the following State of California Contractor License **at the time of bid**:

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- To have the following experience:
  - a. As a minimum, bidders must provide a list of at least two (2) Geothermal Group Loop installation projects of 250 tons or more. Educational projects are preferred.
  - b. Contractor must have completed projects within the last two (2) years.
  - c. Bidder must have experience providing "complete turn-key" Geothermal Group Loop installation, including but not limited to; drilling, grouting, trenching, headering, testing, excavation, paving and surface repair / replacement, purging, hauling, spoil removal, clean up, etc. All work shall be in accordance with **IGSHPA** (International Ground Heat Pump Association) standards. Contractor shall have by a **CGD** (Certified Geothermal Designer) on staff or as part of the project team.

Contractor for Power Plant 2 work must possess the following State of California Contractor License **at the time of bid:**

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The Bidder's license(s) must remain active and in good standing throughout the term of the Contract.

6. A bid bond by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District, cash, or a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the Marin Community College District, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price, shall accompany the Bid Form and Proposal, as a guarantee that the Bidder will, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the District for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid.
7. The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100 % Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the contract for the Work.
8. The successful Bidder may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.
9. The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall pay all workers on all work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the District, pursuant to sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are also available from the District or on the Internet at: <<http://www.dir.ca.gov>>.
10. **A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at Swinerton Office, 1800 Ignacio Blvd, Building 10, Room 140, Novato CA 94949.** All participants are required to sign in. The Site Visit is expected to take approximately 2 hours. If mandatory, failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.
11. Contract Documents will be available for review at the District Program Office Headquarters, Swinerton Management & Consulting, Offices at 1800 Ignacio Blvd, Bldg 10, Room 140, Novato, CA and 700 College Ave, Building PE-8, Kentfield, CA 94904.  
  
Plans and specifications may be purchased directly from Ford Graphics, San Francisco Office and electronically on Planwell from Ford Graphics, 981 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. Phone (415) 777-9346, Fax (415) 957-1139. [www.fordgraphics.com](http://www.fordgraphics.com) – Reference Project # 407B  
*Note: All registered plan holders will automatically receive all addenda.*
12. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.
13. The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder based on:
  - A. The base bid amount only.

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