

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the Steam Plant Improvements SBC No. 540/09-09-05 at The University of Tennessee Knoxville will be received until 2:00 p.m. local time on September 16, 2008 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read at The University of Tennessee, Facilities Services, 2233 Volunteer Blvd., Room 110, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996. The bid time shall be established by the timepiece of the Owner's representative.

Contract documents may be examined on or after August 13, 2008 at the offices of the Designer, I.C. Thomasson Associates, Inc., 2950 Kraft Drive, Suite 500, Nashville, Tennessee 37204 and the following:

Knoxville Builder's Exchange, Knoxville, Tennessee
McGraw – Hill Dodge Plan Room, Knoxville, Tennessee
Reed Construction Data, Norcross Georgia
Middle Tennessee Diversity Contractors, Association, Inc. Nashville, Tennessee
Black Business Contractors Association, Knoxville, Tennessee

Two sets of Contract Documents may be obtained by General Contractors by depositing a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 made payable to I.C. Thomasson Associates. Deposits will be refunded to General Contractors, provided a bonafide bid is received and the contract documents returned in good condition within ten (10) days after the opening of bids. Subcontractors may obtain one set of Contract Documents by depositing a check in the amount of \$500.00 under the same conditions as indicated for General Contractors. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. local time on August 26, 2008 at The University of Tennessee, Facilities Services, 2233 Volunteer Blvd., Room 110, Knoxville, Tennessee 37996.

Bidders must be licensed in the State of Tennessee, as required by the Contractor's Licensing Act of 1976, as amended. Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond or certified check made payable to The University of Tennessee, in an amount equal to 5% of the bid, will be required. No bidder may withdraw its bid within 60 days after the actual opening thereof. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Contract Bond covering and including payment of labor and material, in an amount equal to 100% of the bid as accepted. All bidders shall pay not less than the prevailing wage rates of wages as required by the Contract Documents.

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