SOLICITATION – NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Kent State University will accept separate sealed proposals from Prime Contractors for the **General Contracting Contract** until 11:00 A.M. local time on Monday, May 24, 2021. Proposals <u>WILL NOT</u> be accepted afterwards under any circumstances. The bids will be opened at the Office of the University Architect, Suite 101 Harbourt Hall, 615 Loop Road, P.O. Box 5190, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio 44242-0001, for furnishing the material and performing the labor for the execution and construction of:

PROJECT NO. KSU-21F043 AIRPORT WILDLIFE FENCING KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AIRPORT COMPLEX, STOW, OHIO IN SUMMIT COUNTY

Bids will be received for:

All Bidders are *strongly encouraged to attend* the **Pre-Bid Meeting** at **11:00 A.M.** on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021**, at the Kent State Airport Complex FedEx Aeronautics Academic Center 4020 Kent Road, Stow, Ohio 44224. The anticipated completion date for this project will be December 22, 2021; exact date to be determined based on the availability of federal funds.

The Bidder must include a Bid Guaranty and Contract Bond for 100% of the amount of their bid or a certified check in the amount of 10% of their total bid. See Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Each individual employed by the Contractor or any Subcontractor and engaged in work on the project under this Contract shall be paid the Prevailing Wage Rates on Public Improvements with Summit County as determined by the United States Department of Labor in accordance with Federal-Aid Requirements. This shall occur regardless of any contractual relationship which may be said to exist between the Contractor or any Sub-contractor and such individual.

Since this is a federally funded project, the Disadvantaged business Enterprise (DBE) requirements apply. The DBE goal for this project is estimated at 2.8%, achieved through Race Conscious measures. The bidder must identify all certified DBE(s) and attach the fully completed document 00 45 39.50 "DBE Affidavit". Form 2 "Letter of Intent" shall be completed for each DBE subcontractor.

The Bidder must indicate on the Bid Form, the locations where their services will be performed in the spaces provided or by attachment in accordance with the requirements of Executive Order 2019-12D related to providing services only within the United States. Failure to do so may cause the Bid to be rejected as non-responsive.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

Bidders are encouraged to be enrolled in and to be in good standing in a Drug-Free Safety Program ("DFSP") approved by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation ("OBWC") prior to submitting a Bid and provide, on the Bid Form with their Bid, certain information relative to their enrollment in such a program; and, if awarded a Contract, shall comply with other DFSP criteria described in General Conditions Paragraph 1.10 – Drug Free Safety Program Participation.

Technical questions should be referred to: **Ben Cooley, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.**; 8101 North High Street, Suite 150, Columbus, Ohio 43325; Telephone: 614-468-1201; E-mail: bcooley@cmtengr.com. E-mail is preferred.

Contract Documents may be purchased by Bidders only at their expense from ARC Planroom, 3666 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, telephone: 216-281-1234. For set cost information, click on the Public Projects in Ohio link at the following Web site: https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/ARCPlanRoom.aspx#. Contractors will be required to purchase the complete set; no partial sets will be issued prior to the receipt of the bids and the award of the Contracts.

The University reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Joseph A. Graham, Interim Executive Director, Facilities, Planning and Design Kent State University Office of the University Architect Kent, Ohio 44242

Record-Courier Advertised Dates: April 30, May 7, and 14, 2021