

Determination of Lowest Responsible Bidder

In making a determination of the lowest responsible bidder, while no single factor will be controlling in determining whether a bidder is “responsible,” Cincinnati Public Schools will consider the criteria set forth below. In general, the criteria are designed to assist CPS in determining whether bidders are accountable, dependable, trustworthy, and are capable of carrying out the work specified in bid documents.

1. Dollar amount of the bid.
2. Work, supplies, equipment, facilities and materials covered by the bid.
3. Experience, training, and skill of the bidder’s work force.
4. Continuity and longevity or stability of the bidder’s work force.
5. Bidder’s description of any provisions for health care and retirement benefits for construction (trade) employees for the project being bid.
6. Bidder’s diversity of ownership and workforce.
7. Number of years the bidder has been actively engaged as a contractor in the industry.
8. Bidder’s financial stability or condition.
9. Bidder’s management skills and abilities.
10. Bidder’s familiarity and experience with the work to be performed.
11. Bidder’s performance record on similar projects.
12. Bidder’s experience record in the industry, including the original contract price for jobs undertaken by the bidder, the amount of any change order, cost overruns or schedule delays on such jobs, and the reasons for the change orders, cost overruns or schedule delays.
13. Bidder’s ability to secure an acceptable performance bond, if applicable, and whether any claims have been made against performance bonds secured by the bidder on other projects.
14. Bidder’s cooperation with, and effective implementation of, equal employment opportunity and economically disadvantaged and small business enterprise objectives (as defined in the Cincinnati Public Schools Equal Opportunity Program Outline for Contract Employment and Business Opportunities).
15. Bidder’s compliance with Workers’ Compensation laws.
16. Bidder’s compliance with Unemployment Compensation laws.
17. Bidder’s compliance with tax obligations for local, state, and federal governments.
18. Bidder’s Safety record and/or compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act.
19. Bidder’s Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act and other applicable federal and state wage and hour laws.
20. Bidder’s record of timeliness of payments to subcontractors, suppliers, and employees.

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