

OREGON UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
STANDARD RETAINER CONTRACT
INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

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INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

Oregon Administrative Rules (“OAR”) Chapter 580, Divisions 61 and 63 govern this OUS procurement process.

Article 1. Definitions

1.1. Capitalized words used herein but not defined shall have the meaning set forth in the OUS Retainer General Conditions and OAR 580-061-0010. The following terms used herein shall have the meaning set forth below:

“**Bid Form**”- refers to OUS Contract Form B-5 provided by Owner to be completed by Bidder.

“**Project Manual**”- The Project Manual includes, but is not necessarily limited to the following: the Advertisement for Bids or Notice of Contracting Opportunity, these Instructions to Bidders, Supplemental Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Bid Bond, OUS Retainer Contract General Conditions, Supplemental General Conditions (if any), Sample Retainer Contract Supplement, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, and the Plans and Specifications.

Article 2. Scope of Work

2.1 The Work contemplated in this document shall be for the Owner in connection with the Project described in the Project Manual.

Article 3. Examination of Site and Conditions

3.1 Before making a Bid, the Bidder shall examine the Work site to ascertain its physical condition. The Bidder shall be responsible for being fully informed as to the quality, quantity and sources of supply of the materials listed on the Project Manual. Failure to comply with this Section will not release Contractor from entering into the Contract nor excuse Contractor from performing the Work in strict accordance with the terms of the Contract Documents.

3.2 The Owner will not be responsible for any loss or unanticipated costs which may arise as a result of Contractor's failure to be fully informed in advance with regard to all conditions pertaining to the Work and the character of the Work required.

3.3. No statement made by any officer, agent, or employee of the Owner in relation to the physical conditions pertaining to the Work site or quality, quantity, and supply of materials will be binding on the Owner, unless included in writing in the Project Manual or an Addendum.

Article 4. Substitute Materials Approval Process

4.1 Prior to submitting a Bid including a Substitution, the Bidder must first seek approval of the Substitution from the Architect (or Engineer, as appropriate hereafter) by submitting a written request for approval at least [8] calendar days prior to the Closing Date and Time. The Bidder submitting the request shall be responsible for its timely delivery.

4.2 Substitution approval requests shall be accompanied by samples, records of performance, certified copies of tests by impartial and recognized laboratories, and such other information as the Architect may request.

4.3 Within a reasonable time after receiving such a request the Owner (or Architect if so designated) will consider whether the Substitution sought by Bidder is of equal value, utility, as the designated product in the Project Manual. If the requested Substitution is approved an Addendum to the Project Manual shall be issued. A copy of each

Addendum will be posted on the OUS Bid and Business Opportunities website (<http://secure.ous.edu/bid>) and shall become a part of the Project Manual.

4.4 When the Architect approves a Substitution by Addendum, it is with the understanding that the Contractor guarantees the substituted article or material to be equal or better than the one specified.

Article 5. Interpretation of Project Manual

5.1 A Bidder in doubt as to the meaning of any part of the Project Manual may submit a written request for an interpretation to the Architect at any time prior to [8] calendar days prior to the Closing Date and Time.

5.2 Any interpretation of the Project Manual will be made only by a duly issued Addendum. The Owner will not be responsible for any other explanation or interpretation of the Project Manual nor for any other approval of a particular manufacturer's process or item.

5.3 To establish a basis of quality, certain processes, types of machinery and equipment or kinds of materials may be specified in the Project Manual either by description of process or by designating a manufacturer by name and referring to a brand or product designation or by specifying a kind of material. Whenever a process is designated or a manufacturer named, brand or item designation given, or whenever a process or material covered by patent is designated or described, it shall be understood that the words "or approved equal" follow such name, designation or description, whether they do so or not.

Article 6. Execution of the Bid Form

6.1 The Bid Form relates to Bids on a specific Project Manual. Only the amounts and information asked for on the Bid Form furnished by the Owner will be considered as the Bid. Each Bidder shall Bid upon the Work exactly as set forth in the Bid Form. The Bidder shall include in the Bid a sum to cover the cost of all items contemplated by the Project Manual. Bids that fail to address alternates set forth on the Bid Form may be considered non-responsive.

6.2 Each Bid Form must: 1) Be completed in accordance with these instructions; 2) Include the appropriate signatures as noted on the Bid Form; 3) Include numbers pertaining to base Bids stated both in writing and in figures; and 4) Include the Bidder's typed or clearly printed address.

6.3 When Bidding on an alternate for which there is no charge, the Bidder shall write the words "No Charge" in the space provided on the Bid Form. If one or more alternates is shown on the Bid Form, the Bidder shall indicate whether each is "add" or "deduct."

Article 7. Prohibition of Alterations to Bid

7.1 Bids which are incomplete, or contain ambiguities or conditions not provided for in the Bid Form, may be rejected.

Article 8. Submission of Bid

8.1 Each Bid shall be sealed in an envelope, properly addressed to the appropriate project representative of the Owner, showing on the outside of the envelope the name of the Bidder and the name of the project. Bids will be received at the time and place stated in the Advertisement for Bids.

Article 9. Bid Closing and Opening of Bids

9.1 All Bids must be received by the Owner before the Closing Date and Time. Any Bids received after the Closing Date and Time will be rejected and returned to the Bidder unopened.

9.2 At the time of opening and reading of Bids, each Bid received, irrespective of any irregularities or informalities, will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Article 10. Acceptance or Rejection of Bids by Owner

10.1 Unless all Bids are rejected, the Owner will award the Contract based on the lowest responsive Bid from a responsible Bidder. If that Bidder does not execute the Contract, the Contract will be awarded to the next lowest responsible Bidder or Bidders in succession.

10.2 The procedures for Contract awards shall be in compliance with the provisions of OARs adopted by the Owner.

10.3 The Owner reserves the right to reject all Bids and to waive minor informalities.

10.4 The Owner reserves the right to hold the Bid and any required Bid security, of the three lowest Bidders for a period of 30 calendar days from the time of Bid opening pending award of the Contract. Following award of the Contract, any Bid security furnished by the three lowest Bidders may be held 20 calendar days pending execution of the Contract. All other Bids will be rejected and Bid security returned.

10.5 In determining the lowest Bidder, the Owner reserves the right to take into consideration any or all authorized base Bids as well as alternates or combinations indicated in the Bid Form.

10.6 If Owner has not accepted a Bid within 30 calendar days after the opening of the Bids, each of the three lowest Bidders may withdraw the Bid submitted and request the return of any Bid security then held.

Article 11. Withdrawal of Bid

11.1 At any time prior to the Closing Date and Time a Bidder may withdraw its Bid. This will not preclude the submission of another Bid by such Bidder prior to the Closing Date and Time.

11.2 After the Closing Date and Time, no Bidder will be permitted to withdraw its Bid within the time period specified in Article 10 for award and execution, except as provided for in that Article.

Article 12. Execution of Contract, Agreement, Performance Bond and Payment Bond

12.1 The Owner will provide the successful Bidder with Contract Documents within 10 calendar days after the award of the Contract. The Bidder shall be required to execute the Contract as provided, including a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond from a surety company licensed to do surety business in the State of Oregon, within 20 calendar days after the award of the Contract. The Contract Documents shall be delivered to the Owner in the manner stated in the Notice of Award.

Article 13. Recyclable Products

13.1 Contractors must use recyclable products to the maximum extent economically feasible in the performance of the Contract.

Article 14. Security to Be Furnished by Each Bidder

14.1 Each Bid must be accompanied by either: 1) a cashier's check or a certified check drawn on a bank authorized to do business in the State of Oregon, or 2) a Bid Bond described hereinafter, executed in favor of Owner, for an amount equal to 10 percent of the total Bid amount as a guarantee that if awarded the contract the Bidder will execute the contract and give a Performance Bond and Payment Bond as required.

14.2 The Contractor's check or Bid Bond will be retained until the Contractor has entered into a Contract and furnished a 100 percent Performance Bond and 100 percent Payment Bond.

14.3 The Owner reserves the right to hold the Bid security as described in Article 10. Should the successful Bidder fail to execute and deliver the Contract as provided for in Article 12, including a satisfactory performance bond and payment bond within 20 calendar days after the Bid has been accepted by the Owner, then the Contract award may be canceled and the Bid security may be forfeited as liquidated damages, at the option of the Owner. The date of the acceptance of the Bid and the award of the contract as contemplated by the Project Manual shall mean the date of acceptance specified in the Notice of Award.

Article 15. Execution of Bid Bond

15.1 Should the Bidder elect to utilize a Bid Bond as described in Article 14 in order to satisfy the Bid security requirements, such form must be completed in the following manner:

15.1.1 Bid Bonds must be executed on OUS forms, which will be provided to all prospective Bidders by the Owner.

15.1.2 The Bid Bond shall be executed on behalf of a bonding company licensed to do business in the State of Oregon.

15.1.3 In the case of a sole individual, the Bid Bond need only be executed as principal by the sole individual. In the case of a partnership, the Bid Bond must be executed by at least one of the partners. In the case of a corporation, the Bid Bond must be executed by stating the official name of the corporation under which is placed the signature of an officer authorized to sign on behalf of the corporation followed by such person's official capacity, such as president, etc. This signature shall be attested by the secretary or assistant secretary of the corporation. The corporation seal should then be affixed to the Bid Bond. In the case of a limited liability company/corporation ("LLC"), the Bid Bond must be executed by stating the official name of the LLC under which is placed the signature of a member authorized to sign on behalf of the LLC.

15.1.4 The name of the surety must be stated in the execution over the signature of its duly authorized attorney-in-fact and accompanied by the seal of the surety corporation.