

DIVISION 0 – BIDDING AND CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

Section 00 11 16 – Invitation to Bid

INVITATION TO BID:

CCFP NATURE CENTER

Sealed bids for the CCFP Nature Center Project will be received by the Champaign County Forest Preserve, 2573 S Homer Lake Rd, Homer, IL 61849. Bids will be opened publicly.

Work generally includes but is not limited to the following:

- Selective demolition and interior remodel of the existing building.
- Construction of a new 2,500 SF wood-framed addition.
- Civil work and landscaping
- Geothermal system
- Associated plumbing and electrical work.
- Accessibility updates.

Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided and shall contain no qualifications or interlineations. In submitting a bid, it is agreed that the bid may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after Bid Date.

The Owner reserves the right to require from any bidder, prior to contract award, a detailed statement regarding the business and technical organization of the bidder that is available for the contemplated work, and a list of his proposed subcontractors. Information pertaining to financial resources may also be required.

A Bid Security in the form of a cashier's check, certified check, or acceptable bidder's surety bond, made payable to the Owner, in an amount that is not less than ten percent (10%) of the Bid proposal submitted, including all Alternates, shall accompany each Bid as a guarantee that: (1) the Bidder will not modify, withdraw or cancel the proposal for thirty (30) days after the bid date; and (2) the bidder, if awarded the contract, will promptly enter into a contract and execute such bonds and furnish such insurance certificates as may be required. Should the Bidder fail to honor these two (2) guarantees for any reason, the Owner shall total the damages and shall deduct the amount of such damages from the Bidder's Bid Security. Should the damages total less than the amount of the Bid Security, the difference shall be returned to the Bidder. However, all damages in excess of the Bid Security shall be borne by the Owner. Damages may include, but shall not be limited to, reasonable compensation for the Owner's additional time spent, additional Architect's fees, costs to the Owner for delays in completion of the Work based upon the Bidders proposed Contract Time and the Contract Time as Awarded including, but not limited to, interest expense and lost revenue, the difference between the Bidder's proposed Contract Sum and the Contract Sum as awarded and costs to re bid the Project should such action become necessary. Such bid securities will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after execution of the Contract.

Sealed bids for the proposed work will be received by the Purchasing Supervisor up to the hour of **2:00 P.M.** Central Standard Time on **March 3, 2026** at the Champaign County Forest Preserve, PO Box 1040, Mahomet, IL 61853.

Bids must be securely sealed in an opaque envelope and addressed to the Purchasing Supervisor at the Champaign County Forest Preserve District, PO Box 1040, Mahomet, IL 61853. Envelope should be marked Bid: **CCFP Nature Center Project**. Bids received after time of closing will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Bids will be opened and read aloud immediately following the closing time for receiving Bids. Any interested parties are invited to attend.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Homer Lake Interpretive Center, 2573 S Homer Lake Rd, Homer, IL 61849, on **February 2, 2026** at **2:00 pm** CST.

A complete set of documents will be available from Eastern Engineering Supply, 404 E. University Ave., Champaign, IL. 61820, <https://easternengineering.com/champaign-il/>, 217.359.3261.

Refundable Plan Deposit: \$300 for each set of bid documents. Two (2) sets maximum, Additional sets may be purchased without refund. For Electronic sets, contact Eastern Engineering at www.easternengineering.com, 217.359.3261.

Plan deposits will be refunded in full upon the return of the Bid Documents, in good condition, within ten (10) days after the bid opening. The deposits of General Contractors, who do not submit a bonafide bid or do not return the Bid Documents within ten (10) days after the bid opening, will not be refunded.

Contractor and Subcontractors shall include in bids, the cost for the current prevailing wage (Illinois Prevailing Wage Act - 820 ILCS 130/0.01 et seq.). The Contractor shall ensure that any Subcontractors shall comply with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any irregularities in the bidding, or to accept the bids that in their judgment will be for their best interest.

Once awarded the contract, the Contractor will furnish a satisfactory performance bond, execute the contract and proceed with the work. The Contractor shall indicate the amount of the performance bond on the bid form.

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