

CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received until **10:00 o'clock a.m. on May 26, 2015**, by the Clerk and Records Office, Flathead County, Kalispell, Montana at the Flathead County Courthouse, Commissioners Office, Kalispell, Montana for the **General Contract** for the **Flathead County Animal Shelter Operatory Addition**. At **10:00 o'clock a.m. on May 26, 2015** the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids must be sealed in a manila envelope. The sealed envelope containing the bid must be plainly marked "**Bid for the Flathead County Animal Shelter Operatory Addition**", Kalispell, Montana, and contain the name of the Contractor.

Bids shall be submitted on the form provided with the Contract Documents. Contractors may secure an electronic copy of the documents by contacting Solus Architecture via email Khuff@Solus-MT.com or by phone at 406-890-9342. Drawings will be available on May 8, 2015. Those wishing to be placed on the **Plan Holders List** must indicate so and provide contact information. Drawings will be placed in exchanges. No printed drawing sets are available.

A prebid walkthrough will occur on site at 11:00 o'clock a.m. on May 18, 2015

A bid guarantee of ten percent (10%) of the total basic bid shall be submitted with each bid and shall be in the form of lawful moneys of the United States, a cashier's check, bank draft or bid bond payable to Flathead County, or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by an acceptable surety. Said surety shall be guaranteed that the bidder will enter into the subcontract and furnish good and sufficient bonds within ten (10) days of the award, said check or moneys are to be forfeited to the said public authority as provided by Montana Law.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least thirty (30) days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids.

A Performance Bond and separate Labor and Material Payment Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract sum will be required of the successful Contractor.

Each Contractor will be required to have a certificate of registration from the Employment Relations Division of the Montana Department of Labor and Industry in the proper classification and be in full compliance with SB 354.

Montana Code Annotated. Title 18, Chapter 1 provides that contracts for construction, repair, maintenance, or providing services to or for the State government or its subdivisions will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. However the preference given to resident bidders of this state must be equal to the preference given in the other state or country and must further pay the prevailing wage rates to workers performing labor on the contract if the contract exceeds \$25,000.00. Prevailing wage rates are determined by the Commissioner of Labor as provided in 18-2-401 and 18-2-402 Montana Code Annotated. The contractor is required to keep wage records to substantiate that prevailing wages have in fact been paid. Contractors are also reminded that one percent (1%) of each payment due will be withheld for the required Montana Contractors Tax. (Section 37-71-204, 15-50-205 and 15-50-206 of Montana Code Annotated)

The Contractor is to furnish bonds insuring the payment of wages and fringe benefits as required by 39-3-703 MCA and 18-2-201 MCA.

The Board of Commissioners, Flathead County, the Owner, reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, to consider or not consider any qualifications.

Dated this 4th day of May, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

By/s/Pamela J. Holmquist
Pamela Holmquist, Chairman

ATTEST:
Debbie Pierson, Clerk

By/s/Diana Kile
Diana Kile, Deputy

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