



Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Dr. Albert G. Roberts, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Therese M. O'Neill, Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations
Norman Lane, Director of Buildings & Grounds

SUBJECT: Marker Board Skins Bid

DATE: May 28, 2013

With the infusion of more and more technology into our classrooms, we have also recognized that the number of white boards is limited to allow this technology to be used. Therefore, our Director of Buildings & Grounds undertook a by-classroom walk through of all ten of our school buildings to determine how many were without a viable white board and concluded that 215 classrooms were lacking. Knowing that over the course of this summer we would be preparing even more technology for our classrooms, we chose to pursue a solution that was both cost effective and sustainable over time. This process is covering existing chalkboards with white board skins.

In anticipation of having this work completed prior to the commencement of the 2013-14 school year, a bid document was prepared and the appropriate legal notice, which is attached, announcing a bid opening on May 16, 2013, was published in the April 25, 2013 issue of the Oak Leaves. Included in the bid specifications was a requirement to walk through each of the 10 buildings and prepare exact size measurements for the white boards. Interested firms were to contact the Director of Buildings & Grounds to coordinate this walk through exercise. Also attached is a list of invited bidders, all of whom picked up bid specifications.

At the prescribed bid opening, only one vendor submitted a bid and that was Frank Cooney in the amount of \$78,969.40 (see attached bid summary). This is the same firm who completed work, on a classroom-by-classroom basis, at our Beye (individual classrooms), Hatch (most classrooms), and Holmes (all classrooms), utilizing some PTO funding and individual school budget. Therefore, we are convinced of the quality of work, cost effectiveness, and capacity of this firm completing the designated work identified. In fact, the representative from Cooney was the only firm that literally walked, with our Director of Buildings & Grounds, every classroom needing a white board.

Given that despite the fact that five firms picked up specifications and only one firm responded, I asked the Director of Buildings & Grounds to contact the other four vendors to inquire why they did not submit a bid. Below are their responses:

- Lowery McDonnell – did not have time to tour each building to record the exact measurements.
- Inlander Brothers – did not want to waste the manpower or time walking each building if he could be guaranteed he would get the job, so he passed on bidding.
- Carroll Seating – while they had some experience in hanging white board skins, they did not have Enough to deal with the quantity we were looking for.
- Larson Company – did not return telephone calls made to our inquiry.
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Therefore, it is the recommendation of both the Director of Buildings & Grounds and me to award this white board skin contract to Frank Cooney Company in the total bid amount of \$78,969.40 and fund this work through utilization of some of DSEB technology vision dollars.

This item will return to the Board for formal approval at its June 11, 2013 meeting.

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Attachments (3)

LEGAL NOTICE

Invitation to Bid

Oak Park Elementary Schools, District Number 97, will receive sealed bids at the District's Maintenance Facility, 541 Madison Street, Oak Park, Illinois 60302, until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, MAY 16, 2013, for Marker Board Skins.

Specifications may be obtained at the District's Maintenance Facility, 541 Madison Street, or by contacting Norman Lane, 708-524-3125.

Only those bids complying with the provisions and specifications of the Bid will be considered. The Board of Education reserves the right to waive any informalities, qualifications, or irregularities, and/or reject any and all proposals, when in its opinion, such action will serve the best interest of the Board of Education of Oak Park Elementary School District No. 97.

Contracts awarded by the Board of Education require that contractors comply with the Prevailing Wage Act of the State of Illinois; the general prevailing rate of wages shall be paid for each craft or type of worker or mechanic required to execute the contract or perform such work.

Therese O'Neill
Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

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Bidders List, White Board Skins

Revised: 4/24/2013

Larson Company
403 S. Vermont
Palatine, IL 60067

847.705.0460

Lowery McDonnell
Attention: Dave Tatgz
255 Mittel Dr.
Wood Dale, IL 60191

630.227.1000

Inlander Bros.
Attention: Larry James
7701 S. Claremont
Chicago, IL 60620

773.778.1600

Carroll Seating
Attention: Meredith Carroll
2105 Lunt
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

847.434.0909

Frank Cooney Co.
Attention: Jon Ciero
1226 N. Michael Dr.
Wood Dale, IL 60191

630.694.8800
630.227.4960 cell

Marker Board Skins					
May 16, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.					
Bidder:	Larson	Lowery	Inlander	Carroll	Frank
	Company	McDonnell	Bros.	Seating	Cooney
	403 S. Vermont	255 Mittel Dr.	7701 S. Claremont	2105 Lunt	1226 N. Michael Dr.
	Palatine, IL	Wood Dale, IL	Chicago, IL	Elk Grove Vill., IL	Wood Dale, IL
Bid Deposit:					Bond
Forms:					Rec'd.
Marker Board Skins	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$78,969.40
(All Sites)					
Comments:					