



# 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: Abestos Abatement Bid - Summer 2011

DATE: April 12, 2011

Over the past two summers, the District has utilized the services of Environ International for much of its asbestos consulting work. In anticipation of this summer's work, Environ presented the District with a proposal to do all work for \$29,400 which is above the necessary bid threshold of \$25,000. When apprised of this, Environ agreed to reduce its proposal to \$24,600; however, the Administration felt it was appropriate to go out to bid anyway.

Therefore, the attached bid notice was published in the Oak Leaves on March 17, 2011, calling for a bid opening on March 29, 2011 and a mandatory pre-bid meeting on March 22, 2011, at which time eleven prospective vendors attended. Attached is a list of vendors invited to bid as well as the bid summary for the five bids received on March 29, 2011.

Given that Carnow, Conibear & Associates would be a first time vendor for the District, the Maintenance Supervisor, Don Vacca, contacted three school districts who had previously used this firm (Aurora, Crystal Lake and Freeport) and spoke with a Buildings & Grounds representative and, in all three instances, Carnow, Conibear & Associates was highly recommended for the quality of their work and the professionalism of its firm.

The Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations contacted the District's architectural firm, DLA Architects, Ltd. to further determine the viability of Carnow, Conibear & Associates; however, they had no experience with them. So, she then contacted three other sources (two other architectural firms with whom she has had prior experience and her former Director of Buildings & Grounds in Evanston). The firm name sounded familiar to her and indeed Evanston District 65 utilized this firm in previous asbestos and environmental work. All three sources recognized that this firm has been around for a long time, has a reputation for good work and supported what the three contacted school districts reported.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of both the Director of Buildings & Grounds and me to award a contract to Carnow, Conibear & Associates, in the total amount of \$15,875 for the asbestos abatement work associated with the summer 2011 Capital Projects.

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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 Tuesday, March 29, 2011, for Asbestos Abatement Project Management & Air Sampling Services.

**A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2011, AT 9:30 A.M.**

Location: Oak Park Schools, Maintenance Facility  
541 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302

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 to reject any or all proposals, when in it's opinion, such action will serve the best interest of the Board of Education of Oak Park Elementary School District Number 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 of perform such work.

Therese O'Neill  
Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

For publication in the Oak Leaves on March 17, 2011.

## **Vendor List, Project Management- Abatement**

March 25, 2011

ENVIRON International  
Attention: Matt Meyer  
8725 W. Higgins Rd.  
Suite 725  
Chicago, IL 60631

773.272.3500  
773.272.3501 fax

Midwest Environmental Consulting Services  
Attention: Hop Nguyen  
# 4 Bonnie Lane  
Yorkville, IL 60560

630.553.3989  
630.655.3990 fax

GEOCON  
Attention: John Franke  
9370 W. Laraway Road, Suite D  
Frankfort, IL 60423

815.806.9986  
815.464.8691 fax

ESI  
Attention: Nick Malone  
PO Box 688  
LaGrange, IL 60525

708.354.7121

ECS Illinois, LLC  
Attention: Mark Vormittag  
1575 Barclay Blvd.  
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

847.279.0366  
847.279.0369 fax

ATC Associates, Inc.  
Attention: A. Memon / M. Widera  
419 Eisenhower Lane South  
Lombard, IL 60148

630.916.7272  
630.916.7013 fax

S B Enterprises, Inc.  
Attention: Luther Rogers  
1401 E. 79<sup>th</sup> St.  
Chicago, IL 60619

773.221.7221  
773.221.7272 fax

Terracon  
Attention: David Parry  
135 Ambassador Drive  
Naperville, IL 60540

630.717.9271  
630.357.9489 fax

Environmental Consulting Group  
Attention: Steven Szeredy  
411 S. Wells St., Suite 700  
Chicago, IL 60607

312.663.3900  
312.663.3930 fax

RCM  
Attention: Tom Marlin  
5400 East Avenue  
Countryside, IL 60525

708.485.8600

True North Consulting  
Attention: Ryan LaDieu  
1260 Iroquois Ave., Suite 108  
Naperville, IL 60563

630.717.2880

Carnow, Conibear & Assoc.  
Attention: Steve Diblik  
300 W. Adams St., Suite 1200  
Chicago, IL 60606

312.762.2930  
312.782.5145

JMS Environemental  
Attention: Joyce Ciesla  
816 Burr Oak Drive  
Westmont, IL 60181

630.655.8500

