

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

1. Notice is hereby given that Ventura County Office of Education ("VCOE") will receive sealed bids for the following project, **Gateway Annex School**, with an estimated construction cost range of **\$14,500,000 - \$16,500,000**.
2. To bid on this Project, the **Bidder is required to possess an "B", California contractors' license**, The Bidder's license must remain active and in good standing in California throughout the term of the Contract. Contractor must have current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations.
3. To bid on this Project, the Bidder is required to be registered as a public works contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to the Labor Code. The Bidder's registration must remain active throughout the term of the Contract.
4. Contract Documents will be available on or after **Wednesday, October 21, 2026**, at www.vcoe.org/Facilities/Bid-Opportunities
5. Sealed bids will be received until **2:00 pm, Wednesday, November 18, 2026**, at the Ventura County Office of Education's Administrative Services Center, 5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo CA 93012, at or after which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any bid that is submitted after this time shall be nonresponsive and returned to the bidder. Any claim by a bidder of error in its bid must be made in compliance with section 5100 et seq. of the Public Contract Code.
6. All bids shall be on the form provided by the VCOE. Each bid must conform and be responsive to all pertinent Contract Documents, including, but not limited to, the Instructions to Bidders.
7. A bid bond by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the VCOE, cash, or a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the Ventura County Office of Education, in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price, shall accompany the Bid Form and Proposal, as a guarantee that the Bidder will, within seven (7) calendar days after the date of the Notice of Award, enter into a contract with the VCOE for the performance of the services as stipulated in the bid.
8. A **mandatory pre-bid conference** and site visit will be held on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 1:00 pm. at 550 Airport Way, Camarillo, CA**. All participants are required to sign the meeting sign-in sheet. The site visit is expected to take approximately one hour. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.
9. The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the Contract for the Work.
10. The successful Bidder may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the VCOE to ensure performance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

11. The successful bidder will be required to certify that it either meets the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise ("DVBE") goal of three percent (3%) participation or made a good faith effort to solicit DVBE participation in this Contract if it is awarded the Contract for the Work.
12. The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall pay all workers on all Work performed pursuant to this Contract not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, State of California, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed within the boundaries of the VCOE, pursuant to section 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. Prevailing wage rates are also available from the VCOE or on the Internet at: <<http://www.dir.ca.gov>>.
13. This Project is subject to labor compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1771.4 and subject to the requirements of Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations. The Contractor and all Subcontractors under the Contractor shall furnish electronic certified payroll records directly to the Labor Commissioner weekly and within ten (10) days of any request by the VCOE or the Labor Commissioner. The successful Bidder shall comply with all requirements of Division 2, Part 7, Chapter 1, Articles 1-5 of the Labor Code.
14. The VCOE shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the lowest responsive responsible bidder based on the base bid amount only.
15. VCOE reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the VCOE awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) days after the date of the bid opening.

16. PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIRED:

Prequalification is required only for Class B contractors and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (M/E/P) subcontractors.

The Quality Bidders qualification submission portal will be open from **October 14 through November 4, 2026.**

Prequalification Requirements Sources Cited below:

California Assembly Bill (AB) 1565 went into effect on January 1, 2014. AB 1565 requires ALL General Contractors and M/E/P Subcontractors be prequalified, if the project is valued at \$1 million or more and funded whole or in part with State Facility Bond funds, per...

Public Contract Code 20111.5 enables districts to require prime contractors to be prequalified prior to accepting bids.

Public Contract Code 20111.6 requires the district to do so for certain projects. This applies to prime contractors and MEP sub-contractors with the following licenses: General Contractors (A and B), Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing subcontractors (C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43, and C-46)

The District must receive complete applications at least ten (10) business days prior to the scheduled bid opening on any advertised project in order for the candidate to qualify for a project in excess of \$1,000,000 and partially funded by the State. Pre-qualification approval will remain valid for one (1) calendar year from the date of notice of qualification except as noted in the pre-qualification documents.

Link to law: [Click Here](https://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_1551-1600/ab_1565_bill_20120930_chaptered.html), (https://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/11-12/bill/asm/ab_1551-1600/ab_1565_bill_20120930_chaptered.html)

VCOE has contracted with Colbi Technologies to provide a web-based process for submitting to their Prequalified Contractor list called Quality Bidders. To get started [Click Here to Sign Up](https://www.qualitybidders.com/users/sign_up), https://www.qualitybidders.com/users/sign_up

For detailed instructions in completing your application, please navigate to the bottom of the page from this link [Contractor Instructions](https://s3.amazonaws.com/cnetwork-product/files/qb-cupccaa-instructions.pdf); <https://s3.amazonaws.com/cnetwork-product/files/qb-cupccaa-instructions.pdf>

Please contact gbsupport@colbitech.com with any questions about the use of the Quality Bidders web-based tool.

To be eligible to submit a bid, a contractor's approved prequalification application rating (maximum bidding capacity) must meet or exceed the minimum rating established by VCOE. Contractors whose approved rating falls below this requirement are not eligible to bid on this project.

The Minimum Required Prequalification Rating to Bid this project: **\$13,000,000.00**

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