

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Pursuant to N. C. Gen. Stat. sec. 143-129, sealed bids will be received by the City of Asheville at the U.S. Cellular Center, 87 Haywood Street, Asheville, NC 28801, to the attention of Ric Ledford. Bids must be received no later than 3:00 pm on Thursday, January 31, 2013. These bids will be opened publicly in the Banquet Hall, located on the Third Floor of the Center and read aloud for the project described as follows:

Phase III Renovations of the U.S. Cellular Center.

Complete sets of contract documents may be examined at the following locations: U.S. Cellular Center, at the AGC Carolinas Branch – Charlotte, Greenville, Columbia, at Minority Plan Rooms, and at the Hispanic Contractor's Association of the Carolinas – Charlotte 877-227-1680.

Copies of complete sets of contract documents may be obtained at the following locations: the offices of PBC+L, One West Park Square, Suite 1501, Asheville, NC 28801, 828-232-0608, or the offices of BetschAssociates, Inc., 101 North Main Street, Suite 1505, Greenville, SC 29601, (864) 527-4700.

A non-refundable charge of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) in cash or certified check made out to BetschAssociates, Inc. is required for receipt of each complete set of contract documents.

Bidders are notified that the City of Asheville has adopted a Minority Business Plan which established guidelines and verifiable percentage goals for participation by minority businesses in the awarding of construction contracts. Minority businesses are invited to participate. The verifiable percentage goal for participation in this contract by minority businesses is 3% for African Americans, 8% for women and 1% for Hispanic, Asian and Native Americans.

Copies of the Minority Business Plan and questions regarding the plan may be directed to Coordinator for the Minority Business Program, City of Asheville, P.O. Box 7148, Asheville, NC 28802 or by phone at (828) 232-4566 or email: minoritybusiness@ashevillenc.gov

Bidders are also notified that the City of Asheville has adopted a Drug-Free Workplace Policy requiring successful bidders to insure that a drug-free workplace is provided in the performance of any City of Asheville construction contracts. The requirements of that policy are included in the invitation to Bid and will be included in the contract for the construction of the Project.

All bidders must have current North Carolina licenses for all work for the project.

All bids must be submitted on the form of bid proposal provided. All bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope and properly labeled.

Bid proposals shall include the cost of required insurance and bonds and payment of any applicable local, State and Federal taxes. Bids shall also include the cost of all City building permits. The City Council of the City of Asheville has adopted a policy that the City of Asheville will not enter into contracts with bidders who are delinquent in the payment of ad valorem taxes owed to the City of Asheville.

Each bid shall, *in a separately sealed and clearly marked envelope*, include a bid bond executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds, conditioned that the surety will upon demand forthwith make payment to the obligee upon said bond if the bidder fails to execute the contract in accordance with the bid bond. This bond shall be retained if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract within ten (10) days after the award of bid or fails to give satisfactory surety as required in N. C. Gen. Stat. sec. 143-129.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a payment bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Those bonds shall meet the requirements of N. C. Gen. Stat. sec. 143-129 and of Article 3 of Chapter 44A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

No bid may be withdrawn after bids have been opened, except as provided in N. C. Gen. Stat. sec. 143-129.1.

The City of Asheville reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

CITY OF ASHEVILLE

By: _____