

Notice to Bidders

Sealed RFP proposals for the House Bill 300 Allen County Energy project will be received by the Allen County Commissioners at 301 North Main Street, Lima, Ohio 45802 until 11:00 AM, local time June 17, 2008 for all labor, materials and services for:

Building Upgrades and Energy Improvements

Any vendors interested in receiving Project Documents must submit a written request to Allen County by May 17 2008. Copies of the Project Documents will be mailed out to interested vendors on April 4, 2008, or may be obtained after the indicated date at the Allen County Court House 301 North Main Street Lima, Ohio 45802. Contact: Dana Sterling, Building and Grounds Superintendent. 419-223-8521 or dsterling@allencountyohio.com. A \$ 50.00 deposit will be required for each set of Project Documents. The full deposit will be refunded to vendors returning the Project Document within ten (10) days of the receipt of bids. Checks should be made payable to the Allen County Commissioners.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on April 17, 2008 at 10:00 AM local time for anyone wishing to submit a bid on this project. It is mandatory to attend this meeting or schedule one with Allen County. The meeting will be held on the first floor at the Allen County Courthouse, 301 N. Main Street, Lima Ohio 45802. Failure to attend a meeting will result in Bidder disqualification.

No bidder may withdraw his proposal before sixty (60) days from the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals.

The Allen County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all proposals not responsive to the Project Documents and accept any proposal deemed favorable to Allen County, Ohio.

Bids in excess of \$25,000.00 shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond, Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or money order on a solvent bank or savings and loan association equal to but not in excess of 5% of the bid upon condition that, if the bid is accepted, a contract will be entered into within 30 days which contract shall not be assigned without the prior written approval of the Board of County Commissioners for Allen County.

Upon review and awarding of bid, the successful bidder shall provide a standard contract bond insuring bidder's faithful performance of the contract. The bond shall be for one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount and be issued by a reputable surety that is listed with the Treasury Department of the U.S. Government and has a minimum "A+" superior rating by Best's Surety Rating Guide. Further, after the award of the bid, the successful bidder shall be required to comply with OHIO revised Code 5719.042 which requires the successful bidder to make a statement regarding any delinquent personal property taxes owed.

All questions shall be directed to the Allen County Building and Grounds Superintendent Dana Sterling.419-223-8521 or dsterling@allencountyohio.com.

By order of the Allen County Commissioners

**Brian Cheney
Clerk of Board**

**Advertising Dates: March 28, 2008
April 4, 2008**