

This Bid Can

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At Any Moment...

DON'T LET CONNECTICUT OFFICIALS REMOVE BIDDING NOTICES FROM THE NEWSPAPER.

KEEP THE BIDDING PROCESS OPEN!

Pending legislation (substitute bill #365) may remove bidding notices from newspapers, moving them from the public domain to government controlled web sites. We're concerned. And you should be, too.

Bidding notices like public notices are an important tool in assuring an informed citizenry. They have helped develop America into a participatory democracy for hundreds of years and where it counts the most: how your tax dollars are spent, how policy is made and how our futures are charted.

They are located in easy-to-find sections of your newspaper. And they are fully accessible to

everyone - unlike the internet, which is not accessible to everyone.

Less than 10% of the U.S. population views a local, state or federal government website daily, according to the May 2009 release of U.S. Census Bureau, Annual Estimates of Resident Population.

This means more than nine out of ten people may never see a given notice.

This compares dramatically to the fact that 83% of adults read a community newspaper every week, according to the National Newspaper Association.

Furthermore, a bidding notice printed in the newspaper produces a permanent record. The internet does not, nor does it assure timeliness. And a newspaper is archived for years; not subject to computer crashes and hackers.

Newspapers are easily verifiable, fully

LEGAL NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
THE CITY OF MERIDEN IS ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR:
B018-34 INSTALLATION OF APRON SECURITY LIGHTING
MERIDEN-MARKHAM AIRPORT MERIDEN, CONNECTICUT
AIP NO. 3-09-0012-XX-10

Bids shall be submitted on forms and in the manner specified. Forms and specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Department. Bids will be accepted in the Purchasing Department, Room 210, City Hall, 142 East Main St., Meriden, CT 06450-8022 until 2:00 P.M. Local time on: April 16, 2010 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, Form of Bid Bond, Performance Bond, and Labor & Material Payment Bond may be examined beginning on March 31, 2010 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Copies may be obtained, upon a non-refundable fee of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first set, each additional set shall cost Seventy-Five (\$75.00) dollars. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Meriden. Upon receipt of fee, specifications can be sent if we are provided with your respective courier account number for billing.

This project will consist of a series of high mast lighting columns, which will provide adequate illumination for the "based", "transient" and "north" apron areas. This project will allow for increased security and safety for aircraft operators, passengers and airport personnel using these apron areas. Work items include, but are not limited to trenching and backfilling for conduit, pole bases and electrical structures; new service entrance; mast and building lighting, and site restoration.

The work performed under this contract shall be governed by the Federal Contract Provisions set forth in the Contract Documents, which include, but are not restricted to, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Subcontractor participation, Equal Employment Opportunity requirements, and compliance with Federal Wage and Hour requirements (Davis-Bacon Act). All requirements of the State of Connecticut and all administrative regulations shall apply to this project as if herein written out in full.

The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation, apply to this contract. It is the policy of the City of Meriden to practice nondiscrimination based on race, color, sex or national origin in the award of performance of this contract. All firms qualifying under this solicitation are encouraged to submit bids/proposals. Award of this contract will be conditioned, but is not limited to satisfying the requirements of this section. These requirements apply to all bidders/offers, including those who qualify as a DBE. A DBE contract goal of 2% has been established for this contract. The bidder/offers shall make good faith efforts, as defined in Appendix A, 49 CFR Part 26, to subcontract 2% of the dollar value of the prime contract to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26.

Notification is hereby given that the DBE contract goals established for this work (i.e. general construction) contract is 2%.

The attention of prospective bidders is called to the fact that this project is to be bid upon and the contract executed, under the Rules and Regulations for carrying out the provisions of the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982: Public Law 97-248 and Part 152 of the Federal Aviation

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transparent and represent a secure third party who has nothing to gain from any notice. Connecticut's recent ethical lapses shed a glaring light on the full meaning of this problem. It's like putting the fox in charge of the hen house.

Every bidding notice, which runs in a Connecticut daily newspaper, is automatically uploaded to that newspaper's web site and CTPublicNotices.org.

Newspapers are your watchdogs. Don't let that role be changed now. Voice your opinion.

To keep your notices in the newspaper, contact your local elected officials or call:

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Senate Democrats - 860.240.8600

House Democrats - 860.240.8500

Senate Republicans - 860.240.8800

House Republicans - 860.240.8700

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