

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the governing board ("Board") of the Sweetwater Union High School District ("District") will receive sealed bids for the following project:

RANCHO DEL REY MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING & SITE REHABILITATION,
BID #26-2977-BI

PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$57,382,729.00

The scope of work for this project includes but is not limited to: The rehabilitation and alteration of the existing campus buildings, infrastructure and site. The existing campuses buildings scope includes flooring, interior paint, acoustic ceilings, acoustic paneling, room signage, window replacement, window coverings, door hardware, security window film, casework, roof ladders, framing, drywall, electrical, plumbing, tile, stucco, exterior paint, skylights, HVAC, roof hatches, insulation, HAZMAT remediation, standing seam and PCV roofing. Infrastructure and site work includes fire alarms, Telecore communication systems, high voltage electric system modifications, drinking fountains, way finding signage, decorative fencing, storm drains, grading, A/C and concrete paving, concrete ramp and stair replacement, concrete resurfacing, landscaping, irrigation, lighting, shade structures, painting, and a new marquee.

To bid on this Project Bidder is required to: (1) possess one or more of the following State of California contractors' license(s): **A or B**, and the license(s) must remain active and in good standing throughout the term of the Contract; and (2) be registered as a public works contractor with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to the Labor Code, and remain active throughout the term of the Contract.

Contract Documents will be available beginning **February 28, 2026**, for review on the district's website. Go to purchasing.sweetwaterschools.org/bidopportunities/ for a link to DemandStar with the bid documents. Sealed bids bearing the name of Bidder and name of the project for which the bid is submitted, accompanied by an acceptable form of security, will be received until **April 14, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.**, at the District Purchasing Office, 1130 - 5th Avenue, Chula Vista, California 91911-2896, 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. All bids shall be on the form provided by the District. A bid bond by an admitted surety insurer on the form provided by the District, or a cashier's check or a certified check, drawn to the order of the District, in the amount of 10% of the total bid price, shall accompany the Bid Form and Proposal. After the end of the protest period, contractor will be provided with a "Notice of Pending Award" and all contract documents, and request the contractor have contract documents complete, submitted and ready for execution on the Board award date of: **May 11, 2026**.

MANDATORY JOB WALK: A mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be held on **March 4, 2026 at 3:45 p.m. or March 11, 2026 at 3:45 p.m.** at **Rancho Del Rey Middle School, 1174 East J Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910.** Attendance of at least one job walk is mandatory. All participants are required to sign in and meet at the **Administration Building**. Failure to attend or tardiness will render bid ineligible.

PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT: The District has entered into a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) that is applicable to this Project. The PLA is available for reference at the following link: <https://facilities.sweetwaterschools.org/pla/>, which includes the Letter of Assent.

CONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION: This Project may use state bond funds. As a result, pursuant to Public Contract Code section 20111.6, only prequalified bidders will be eligible to submit a bid for this Project. Any bid submitted by a bidder who is not prequalified shall be non-responsive and returned unopened to the bidder. Moreover, any bid listing subcontractors holding C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 or C-46 licenses who have not been prequalified shall be deemed nonresponsive and will not be considered. The Prequalification application is available at the SUHSD Purchasing Website, under the Contractor Prequalification tab. For information regarding the prequalification process, please contact via email Bids@sweetwaterschools.org.

The successful Bidder: (1) shall be required to furnish a 100% Performance Bond and a 100% Payment Bond if it is awarded the Contract for the Work; (2) may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under the Contract, in accordance with the provisions of section 22300 of the Public Contract Code; and (3) 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.

The Contractor and all Subcontractors shall be paid 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, for the type of work performed and the locality in which the work is to be performed, pursuant to section 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code. 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) calendar days of any request by the District 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.

The District shall award the Contract, if it awards it at all, to the responsive responsible bidder based on the base bid amount only. The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any irregularity in any bid received. If the District awards the Contract, the security of unsuccessful bidder(s) shall be returned within sixty (60) calendar days from the time the award is made. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for ninety (90) calendar days after the date of the bid opening.