

INVITATION TO BID

Sweet Grass County, Montana will receive sealed bids for the following project: Melville Fire Apparatus Storage Building to meet or exceed the minimum specifications on file with the Big Timber VFD. Bids will be received by the Sweet Grass County Clerk and Recorder until 9:00 am on December 17, 2024. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 9:00 am on December 17, 2024, in the County Commissioner's meeting room. Bids shall be addressed to Sweet Grass County Clerk and Recorder, PO Box 888, 115 W 5th Ave, Big Timber, MT, 59011 and marked "**Melville Fire Apparatus Storage Building**".

The project consists of design and construction of a new 50'x80' heated building on site in Melville, MT to house fire apparatus.

Digital copies of the minimum requirements and basic floor plan can be requested by email to fire7.bigtimberfire@gmail.com.

Contractor and any of the Contractor's Subcontractors bidding or doing work on this project will be required to be registered with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, PO Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena MT 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling (406) 444-7734. All laborers and mechanics employed by Contractor or Subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as required by Montana State Prevailing Wage Rates. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The Contractor will also be responsible for acquiring all necessary permits required by the State of Montana.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to the Sweet Grass County, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful Bidders shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidder(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided. The money, bank instrument, or bid bond shall be returned to the unsuccessful bidders.

All bids must expressly covenant that if the bidder shall be awarded the contract, the bidder shall within fifteen (15) calendar days of the acceptance of said bid by the Sweet Grass County Commission, enter a contract and give good sufficient bond to secure the

performance of the terms and conditions of the contract. In the event the successful bidder does not enter into a formal contract within fifteen (15) calendar days or give sufficient bond to secure performance, the bidder shall pay unto the County the difference between the amount of the bid of said bidder and the amount for which the County legally contracts with another party to perform said work if the latter amount is more than the former.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid that is in the best interest of the Owner.

Any bidder wishing further information may obtain the same from the Big Timber VFD, Chief Kris Novotny, 406-930-0379.

Sweet Grass County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Dawn Curry
Clerk and Recorder

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