

1 **GPC INVITATION TO BID (Rev1/2023)**  
2 **DIVISION OF FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT**

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4 **CHILLER AND COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT**  
5 **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN - EAU CLAIRE**  
6 **EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN**

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9 Division Project No. **19J4E-03**

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11 **BID SUBMISSION DUE by 1:00PM, BID OPENING for MEP BIDDERS: 2:00 P.M., February 28,**  
12 **2024.**

13 **BID SUBMISSION DUE by 1:00 PM, BID OPENING for GPC BIDDERS: 2:00 P.M., March 13,**  
14 **2024.**

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16 OWNER: State of Wisconsin, Department of Administration, Division of Facilities Development,  
17 hereinafter termed DFD.

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19 **All potential bidders must be certified by DOA prior to submitting bids on state construction**  
20 **projects over \$50,000.** All bids received from contractors who are not certified will be rejected. Contractor  
21 certification applications and instructions for completing the form may be obtained from the DOA Website  
22 DFD Contractor Certification page: <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/DoingBusiness/ContractorCertification.aspx>  
23 or upon request from DFD--email [dfdcertification@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dfdcertification@wisconsin.gov).

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25 This project is being let using the single prime bidding and contracting process. DFD will publicly bid the  
26 applicable mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection (MEP) divisions of work **first**. Within 5  
27 days of the MEP bid opening, DFD will identify a lowest, qualified, responsible, certified bidder in each  
28 applicable MEP division of work. These successful MEP bids must be included in all general prime  
29 contractor bids received. No later than 5 days after DFD identifies the successful MEP bids, DFD will  
30 publicly open general prime contractor bids. **General prime contractor bids that do not include the**  
31 **successful MEP bids will be rejected.** The state will enter into a single contract with the lowest, qualified,  
32 responsible, certified general prime contractor and this general prime contractor will enter into subcontracts  
33 with the successful MEP bidders. If a project does not include any mechanical, electrical, plumbing, or fire  
34 protection divisions of work, DFD will bid one bid package for all work to general prime contractors.

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36 Sealed bids will be received as follows, before the time indicated above:

- 37 • **PDF scanned file of all required bid documents, including bid and bid bond forms with**  
38 **original wet signatures or properly transmitted electronic signatures (only PDF files will be**  
39 **accepted) emailed to [loadfdmbidsubmission@wisconsin.gov](mailto:loadfdmbidsubmission@wisconsin.gov) (this is the preferred method);**
- 40 • **US Mail or Third-party delivery (UPS, Fedex, or DHL) to State of Wisconsin,**  
41 **Administration Building, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, 101 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703; or**
- 42 • **Hand delivery to the drop box labeled SEALED BIDS ONLY in front of the State of**  
43 **Wisconsin Administration Building located at 101 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin**  
44 **53703.**

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46 The bidder is responsible for the sealed bid being delivered to the indicated location or email before the  
47 time specified for the bid submission. Third party delivery is entirely at the bidder's risk.

48 Bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams. Bidders may call the Microsoft Teams teleconference  
49 number: (608) 571-2209, conference ID: 484 588 360#, on the day of the bid to hear the bid results  
50 announced on the day bids are due. The conference line will be open at 1:45 P.M. CDT and all bids will be  
51 opened after 2:00 P.M. CDT. Bidders may also join the Microsoft Teams meeting via Microsoft Teams:  
52 [Click here to join the meeting](#)

53 In general, the work consists of: replacement of an existing 650-ton centrifugal chiller that serves the lower  
54 campus. The chiller is located in McIntyre Hall along with an existing 1400-ton centrifugal chiller.  
55 Associated cooling tower and pumps will also be replaced. A new nominal 1000-ton centrifugal chiller will

1 be installed in the same general footprint as the existing 650-ton chiller. The existing 650-ton cooling tower  
2 on the roof will be removed and replaced with a nominal 1000-ton cooling tower.

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4 All necessary piping, pumps, valves, controls, motors, and electrical wiring will also be replaced. The new  
5 chiller and controls will be connected to and integrated with the existing chiller and controls to work in  
6 parallel.

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8 Bidding documents (drawings, specifications, and addenda) may be obtained only as electronic files (in  
9 PDF format): as a downloadable file from the Division's Projects Bidding website (see website address  
10 below) and/or on compact discs or DVD by ordering from the Construction Project Bidding Opportunities  
11 webpage. Bidding documents may also be seen at various Builders' Exchanges. Additional project bidding  
12 information, including plan holders lists are available on the Division of Facilities Development public  
13 website: <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/AboutDOA/FacilitiesDevelopment.aspx>. After opening the web page,  
14 select Current Construction Project Bidding Opportunities at the bottom of the screen. Bidder shall identify  
15 the division of work they are bidding on when requesting Bidding Documents online. No deposit is  
16 required to obtain documents for bidding purposes.

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18 **Base Bid will be received for: A single lump sum bid for All Work.**

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20 Bid Guarantee in the amount of 10% of the Bid must accompany each bid submitted.

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22 Contract offer and construction phase records will be processed electronically on the WisBuild™ DFD  
23 Information System.

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25 **The 2017-2019 Wisconsin State Budget (2017 Wisconsin Act 59) repealed Wisconsin's prevailing**  
26 **wage laws. Effective September 23, 2017, state prevailing wage requirements on state building**  
27 **projects no longer apply. These changes take effect for projects advertised for bid after September**  
28 **23, 2017. This change does not affect the Federal Davis Bacon Act requirements.**

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30 A non-mandatory pre-bid tour is scheduled for January 30, 2024, 10:00 am at the project location. It is  
31 encouraged that contractors attend. Please contact Gary Gard, (608) 236-1241, ggard@aeieng.com for  
32 additional information.

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34 Bidding Documents will be available online immediately upon the project being advertised for bid.

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