

Questions from Sub-contract RFP

1. Q. The bid pages are confusing. Do you want to know our labor cost or the cost of the job?
A. The bid pages are confusing for some of the items. Please see the attached pages that should clarify the bid amounts.
2. Q. Item #21 Kitchen Exhaust Installation-would the install just include the electrical portion up to where the exhaust will be; would we be required to install the exhaust units as well?
A. Pre-existing electrical must exist to perform the kitchen exhaust installation with termination to the outside.
3. Q. Item #25 Water Heater Repair- I do not want to assume but would this be a troubleshoot and fix or replace situation?
A. This is only a replace if the repair costs exceed a predetermined amount.
4. Q. Item #28 Water Heater Replacement-would this be an electrical disconnect/reconnect situation; would we be responsible for installation of the water heater as well?
A. You would be responsible for the installation of a new water heater which must meet local jurisdiction code.
5. Q. I have a have a C-2, and D-65 license, it does comply with California Code and Regulations section 7059. Will our Insulation and Weatherization licenses be accepted?
A. The C-2 license will be acceptable for installing insulation. A B-General license is required to sub-contract the window and door weatherization work. A D-65 would limit the work to those items listed for Weatherization Worker on the Davis-Bacon Classifications by Measure Attachment.
6. Q. Can the winning firm(s) bill for time related to any subsequent state or federal audits?
A. Time related to audits should be included in your overhead.
7. Q. We'd like to confirm that the costs of any equipment is to be passed on at cost to CRP and excluded from the Unit Price.
A. The cost of equipment will be included in your invoice to CRP. In the new sheets attached, we are requesting information about your labor rate which will include your overhead.
8. Q. Will CRP be providing any of the needed equipment, and if so, will the subcontractor or CRP be responsible for delivery?
A. The subcontractor will be responsible for the purchase and delivery of all materials and equipment required to complete the installation of measures.
9. Q. Under Contractor's Qualifications you only mention that the Weatherization contractor shall have a B General Contractors License. Are C-10 Contractors allowed to

submit documentation or will they be considered as Sub-Contractor under the Primary General B?

A. If a subcontractor is bidding for specific measures, such as HVAC or ceiling insulation, s/he should have that specific license. If bidding for weatherization work, s/he must have a B-General License.

10. Q. Under "ARRA EXHIBIT D" the DAVIS BACON CLASSIFICATION BY MEASURE list Compact Fluorescent Lamps-Hard Wire, Refrigerator Replacement-Grounding Plug, and Timer, Electric Water Heater to be completed by Electrician-General Residential Wage. Are these areas performed by an Electrical Contractor or Electrical Sub-Contractor?

A. These items must be completed by Licensed Electrician. If a subcontractor bidding under this proposal is not a CSLB licensed electrician, s/he cannot do the work.

If contractor does not have a licensed electrician and desires to subcontract this work, s/he must follow federal procurement procedures to obtain the services of an electrician and, once selected, the sub-contractor must be approved by both CRP and CSD.

11. Q. Section IV INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS listed three areas of required insurances, WC, GLC, and Vehicle Insurance. Second paragraph under section title talks about the Certificate of Insurance. In this paragraph a fidelity bond is mentioned. I take it that the Fidelity bond is also a requirement?

A. Yes.

12. Q. Under VEHICLE INSURANCE, our Company does not own a Company vehicle that we use exclusive for our business. We all have our own personal trucks that we use to go out on jobs. Do we all need to get the prescribed amount of insurance on our trucks?

A. A sub-contractor whose employees use their own vehicles would be required to carry "non-owned and hired auto" insurance with a \$500,000 limit and name Community Resource Project, Inc. as an additional insured.

13. While reviewing the Weatherizing Standards at your office, I came across other sections that could possibly need to be taken care of by an electrician that was not pointed out in Davis Bacon. Those areas were: Programmable Thermostats (wiring new circuits); Ceiling Fans (installing lighting control wiring and mounting); Carbon Monoxide Alarms (installing conduit, wiring, and mounting); Electric Water Heater (checking hardwire circuit, breakers, etc); Microwave Standards (checking for 2-prong vs 3-prong, replacement of receptacle). Does the Weatherization Contractor take care of these items, or will the Electrical Contractor. Does the Electrical Contractor include these items that are not in Davis Bacon in the proposal?

A. Programmable thermostats are to be installed under the HVAC classification. Lithium battery operated carbon monoxide alarms are installed by weatherization workers. Hard-wired carbon monoxide alarms are not installed under this program. Ceiling fans, electric water heaters and microwaves shall not be installed under the DOE ARRA contract. A revised list of work classifications is attached.

14. Q. DOE released new Davis-Bacon Wage Rates on December 12, 2009. Are these new rates applicable?

A. Yes. The new wage determination is attached and is applicable to this sub-contract.

15. Q. If we bid an hourly rate for the work, can the subcontractor bill for driving time? If piece work, will this price be firm or flexible to accommodate extenuating circumstance such as remote locations, etc?

A. Time driving to and from a job site is not included in Davis-Bacon payroll reporting; however, it is a cost of completing the job. It can be listed on your invoice at an hourly rate or included in your overhead cost. We expect that clarification of your method of accounting for this time will be included in your proposal.

16. Q. Is there a maximum markup on appliances?

A. Your response to the bid should include all your costs, including any markup.

17. Q. Are the estimated quantities listed on the bid schedule the total amount of work estimated to be needed in this program throughout Sacramento, Sutter and Yuba counties?

A. No. those estimated quantities are monthly averages from 2009. The averages were provided to assist vendors with estimated minimum quantities when considering bulk purchase prices.

18. Q. Will 1099 employees be acceptable under Davis-Bacon?

A. 1099 personnel are independent contractors; they are not employees. As such, each contractor is required to bid as an independent contractor.

19. The WIS standards refer to the 2005 HERS standards? Since 2008 standards are now in effect, will we be required to follow those?

A. Yes. New WIS manuals will be available in April which will include updates for the HERS standards.

20. Q. How many days after invoices are submitted will the contractor be paid?

A. CRP shall process all uncontested invoices received by the 15th of the month within 40 days following receipt thereof. Uncontested means that all paperwork is included and is correct and that the work passed the CRP final inspection. CRP is not obligated to make payment under this contract for work that is incomplete or has not yet been performed.

21. Q. Can a subcontractor request a specialized area of work?
A. Yes. Your proposal can be as limited as you like, and you can request a specific territory.
22. Q. How can I become a HERS rater for you?
A. Please submit a proposal.
23. Q. Is CRP acting as the general contractor?
A. CRP is the sub-grantee of the State of California for this grant for Sacramento, Sutter and Yuba counties.
24. Q. Will blown insulation be added to attics? Or any type of batt insulation which is a C-2 class?
A. Any type of insulation that meets the Weatherization Installation Standards criteria may be used.
25. Q. Do all employees have to be certified to complete the work? What classes are required?
A. All employees who work on this project must have completed minimum required classes, which include Worksite Safety, Environmental Hazards Awareness and Lead-Safe Weatherization Training and Basic Weatherization Training. Most subcontractors will also have to receive Duct Leakage/Blower Door Diagnostic Training and Combustion Appliance Safety Training.
26. Q. Does the Lead-Safe Training comply with the new EPA Lead requirement?
A. No. This training is designed for weatherization workers specifically and does not meet the EPA Renovator requirements.
23. Q. Is the required training free? If not, what is the cost?
A. The cost varies. An estimate is \$375 per class. Once a contractor has been selected, CRP will make arrangements for the classes that are required.
24. Q. Can we get a copy of the WIS manual?
A. No, it is copywrited and cannot be copy or distributed without permission. Copies are available at CRP February 11 through February 26, Monday through Friday between 9:00 am and noon and again between 1:00 and 4:00 pm.