

# Oakton College District 535

Procurement Department, Room 1240  
1600 E. Golf Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60016  
847-635-1635

**Invitation to Bid # 0414-25-08**  
**Issue Date: Monday, April 14, 2025**

**Mandatory Pre-Bid Date: April 22, 2025**

**Bids will be received in the Procurement Office at the above address until  
10:00AM on May 7, 2025**

Bids will be publicly opened at this time. Late bids will not be accepted.

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## **Skokie Campus Backup Power Generator**

The project consists of the replacement of the campus generator and associated gas piping, trenching, and coring to complete the work.

### **This bid consists of 3 documents:**

- 1) Business Specifications (this document)
- 2) 1484 - SPECS - Oakton College - Skokie Generator - Issued for Bid
- 3) 1484-Oakton College - Gen -Dwgs

**A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on April 22, 2025 starting at 10:00 am at the College's Skokie campus 7701 Lincoln Ave, Skokie, IL 60077, Facilities Office.**

**Only contractors who attend the pre-bid meeting will be allowed to submit a bid.**

Any questions regarding this bid must be submitted in writing via email by 11:00 am on April 24, 2025. All questions will be answered through an addendum and must be submitted to the following individuals:

Joe Scifo, Director of Facilities, [jscifo@oakton.edu](mailto:jscifo@oakton.edu)

Rich Schwass, Construction Manager at [rschwass@oakton.edu](mailto:rschwass@oakton.edu)

Aaron Reinhart [areinhart@kluberinc.com](mailto:areinhart@kluberinc.com)

Trinh Than, Purchasing Manager at [tthan@oakton.edu](mailto:tthan@oakton.edu)

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Oakton College District 535 is exempt from all Federal, State, and Municipal Taxes.

I have examined the specifications and instructions included herein and agree, provided I am awarded a contract within 60 days of the bid due date, to provide the specified items for the sum shown in accordance with the terms stated herein. All deviations from the specifications and terms are in writing and attached hereto. I offer the following discount terms \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Instructions to Bidders**

1. **Bid Forms:** Bids should be submitted on the form provided. Envelopes marked "Sealed Bid for (commodity being bid)." Bids cannot be accepted via fax machines or email.
2. **Specifications:** Generally, where specifications indicate a particular brand or manufacturer's catalog number, it shall be understood to mean that or equal, unless "no substitutes" is specified. When offering alternates, they must be identified by brand name, catalog number and manufacturer's literature must be included.
3. **Samples:** Bidders will be required to furnish no charge samples upon request.
4. **F.O.B. Point:** All prices must be quoted F.O.B. destination. Shipments shall become property of Oakton Community College after delivery and acceptance.
5. **Delivery Points:** Deliveries must be made to the various buildings within the district, as indicated.
6. **Delivery Schedule:** Bids must specify delivery time. Unrealistically long delivery times may cause bid to be rejected. Order may be canceled without obligation if delivery requirements are not met.
7. **Evaluations:** Oakton Community College reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any technicalities in the bidding, and to award each item to different bidders or all items to a single bidder.
8. **Vendor Selection:** All purchases will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder who meets all the requirements of the specifications. The determination of a responsible bidder and award of tie bid for like equipment, supplies, or services shall be based upon the following factors: a) capacity to perform, and b) performance history. In the case these factors are equal for award of tie bids, first preference will be given to suppliers located within the boundaries of District #535 and second, from within the state over out of state. In the case of tie bids according these criteria, purchases will be determined by a coin toss. Cash discounts will be used in determining the lowest responsible bidder.
9. **Prices:** Prices, terms and conditions must be firm for acceptance for sixty (60) days from the date of bid opening unless otherwise agreed to by District #535 and bidder.
10. **Quantities:** Quantities shown may be estimates only and orders may be more or less depending on actual requirements and budget limitations.
11. **Exceptions:** There are no exceptions.
12. **Tax Exemptions:** Oakton Community College District #535 is exempt from Federal, State and Municipal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
13. **Equal Employment Opportunity Clause/Prevailing Wage:** Oakton Community College is an equal opportunity employer, and parties doing business with the College must comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause as required by the Illinois Fair Employment Practices Commission. Not less than the prevailing wage shall be paid for labor on the work to be performed as required by law.
14. **Non-Collusion Clause:** The bidder or agent hereby declares that he, nor any other agent of his business, entered into any collusion or agreement relative to the price to be bid. He further declares that no persons, firms or corporations, have or will receive directly, any rebate, fee, gift, commission, etc., or that any employee or Board of Trustee member of Oakton Community College District #535 has any undisclosed interest in the award of this contract.

## General Business Requirements

1. This bid consists of 3 documents:
  - a) Business Specifications (this document)
  - b) 1484 - SPECS - Oakton College - Skokie Generator - Issued for Bid
  - c) 1484-Oakton College - Gen -Dwgs
2. The project schedule is as follows:  
Board Approval/Contractor Award: June 24, 2025  
Submittal Process/Notice to Proceed: June 25, 2025  
Project Substantial Completion Date: December 31, 2025  
Project Completion Date: January 31, 2025
3. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder will be determined based upon the base bid selected by the College.
4. Please note this project is a prevailing wage job. Not less than the prevailing wage for Cook County shall be paid for any labor on this job in accordance with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. As required by Public Act 94-0515, the Contractor shall submit to the College monthly certified payroll records for every worker employed on this job. This information may include the worker's name, address, telephone number, social security number, job classification, hourly wages paid in each pay period, number of hours worked each day, and starting and ending time of each work day. Cook County Prevailing Wages can be found at <http://www.state.il.us/agency/idol/rates/rates.HTM>
5. Contractor must additionally meet the following qualifications to be considered as the "Lowest Responsible Bidder."
  - a) Must have constructed a minimum of five (5) similar projects over the past two (2) years
  - b) Must include accurate and active references for these projects. (see #7)
  - c) Shall have been in business as a contractor for a minimum of five (5) years.
  - d) Shall meet the insurance requirements noted in the General Conditions.
  - e) Shall submit the name of your bonding company rated A-/6 for your 110% Performance and Payment Bond. See item #21 for further details.
  - f) Must meet all terms and conditions of this bid.
6. Please include a company profile with your sealed bid. The profile should include at least, but not limited to, the following: How long your company been in business, the number of employees your company has, estimated annual revenue for your last fiscal year.
7. **Please list five references (with contact name and email addresses) to which you have performed similar services. Local or educational references preferred.**
8. Typically, permits and fees are not required for community colleges. However, if needed, the contractor would be required to work with the College to obtain the required permits and fees. For the purposes of submitting a bid, do not include an amount for permits and fees. Payment of any required permits or fees

will be paid directly by the College or as a project change order to the winning contractor.

9. If your company will be using a subcontractor(s) for any work, please include the name, address, phone number, etc. of the subcontractor. You will be required to submit the subcontractor's proof of insurance indicating Oakton Community College as an additional insured. In addition, you are also required to submit a partial and/or final waiver of lien.
10. **Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Participation and Utilization Plan:**  
☐ Yes ☒ No. If "yes" is marked, this solicitation contains a goal of x % to include businesses owned by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities in the College's procurement and contracting/subcontracting processes.

**If a BEP goal is identified, you must complete and submit the BEP Utilization Plan with your bid response, or your bid will be deemed non-responsive.**

The Utilization Plan can be found here: <https://cei.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/cei/documents/U-Plan%20V.25.1.pdf>

If you have questions concerning the Utilization Plan, please contact the [Commission on Equity & Inclusion \(CEI\)](#).

If subcontractors are used to meet the BEP goal listed above, the vendor will be required to provide the College with the payout details.

11. Please base your pricing on regular and premium labor hours as required to meet the substantial completion date and the logistic requirements outlined in the contract documents. Substantial completion dates are critical due to classes that have already been scheduled for the fall semester. Contractors will be allowed to start earlier than 7:00 a.m., when the college buildings open, and/or can work evenings and on weekends (without any additional charges or premium fee to the College). Hours and days must be approved by Oakton's Senior Construction Manager of Construction and Facilities.
12. College Drive shall remain open to vehicle traffic while work is completed. If lane closures are required, appropriate flagman, signage, etc must be utilized to secure safe traffic control. Lane closures must be coordinated with the College's Senior Manager of Construction and Facilities. All work associated with traffic control is at Contractors expense and included in lump sum bid.
13. Proper safety precautions must be followed when students and staff are on campus.
14. The protection, clean-up, restoration, replacement of areas impacted by this project including existing underground cables, plant life, controls, lighting, shall be the responsibility of the contractor.
15. The contractor is responsible for daily cleanup and debris removal generated by his work, including labor.
16. General Conditions for Construction and Maintenance Work at Oakton Community College campuses, are included as part of this bid.

17. The College will require a “waiver-of-lien to date” or “final waiver-of-lien” before any payments are made. All waivers should be submitted in conjunction with the corresponding invoices(s). The College will use the date of the waiver, not the invoice date, when considering any early payment discounts.
18. Contractor Agreement - Oakton Community College will award the contract to a single contractor that will be responsible for the entire scope listed in the Project Manual and within the Engineering Plans. Construction Management services will be provided by Oakton Community College Staff with additional support from consultants, as needed. Oakton Community College will hold the contractual agreement with one individual entity and shall not be responsible for sub-contracting any of the project work as listed in the Project Manual.
19. Contractor shall meet all insurance requirements as noted in section 1.09 of the General Conditions for Construction and Maintenance Work at Oakton Community College, Des Plaines and Ray Hartstein Campuses.
20. Contractors must submit verification of Worker’s or Workman’s Compensation Insurance.
21. Bidders are required to submit a certified check or bank draft or bid bond, made payable to Oakton Community College; it shall be submitted with the bid in the amount of **ten (10) percent of your total bid**. This overrides the IDOT Proposal Bid Bond (BLR12230) which says 5%. The bid security will be forfeited by the successful bidder in the event of the bidder’s failure to enter into a contract. Checks or drafts of unsuccessful bidders will be returned as soon as practicable after opening and checking the bids.
22. The winning vendor will be required to submit a 100% Performance/Payment bond from an A-/6 or better rated company (as rated by Best’s Rating Service). The College realizes that there may be a charge associated with this bond. Please include the cost of the bond in your bid. This amount is part of the grand total. Vendors DO NOT need to include the actual Performance/Payment Bond with their bid. However, all vendors must include the name, address, and rating of their bonding company when submitting their bid.
23. Oakton Community College is an equal opportunity employer and parties doing business with the College must comply with the employment opportunity clause as required by the Illinois Fair Employment Practices Commission. In addition, contractors must comply with the Illinois Drug Free Workplace Act and the Illinois Human Right Acts. Contractor, workers, and subcontractors must be willing to submit to criminal background checks if necessary.
24. Contractor must meet the bid specifications to be considered as the “Lowest Responsible Bidder”.
25. Liquidated damages of \$1,000 per day will be assessed on this project.
26. AIA documents A101 and A201 will be executed as part of this contract award. These documents can be found on our website: <https://www.oakton.edu/about/offices-and-departments/business-and-financial-services/procurement.php>

27. The College is a public institution and therefore subject to comply with legitimate Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests. Please be advised that your response to this Invitation to Bid is subject to comply with any FOIA requests for information. The FOIA copy of your response should indicate confidential and/or proprietary information that has been removed/redacted. Please mark this as "FOIA Copy." See page 16 & 17 for further instructions.
28. Please submit *two paper copies ( One Original copy & One FOIA copy) and one digital PDF copy via a USB drive* of your proposal. The College will use the FOIA copy at the public bid/RFP opening. This copy must include your pricing.
29. Because this is a "sealed bid" we cannot accept proposals over the phone, email or fax machine. Please send your bid response to the College by identifying the proposal number on the outside of the envelope as well as your company's name. The proposal needs to be sent to:
- Oakton College**  
**Attention: Procurement Office, Room 1240**  
**Bid# 0414-25-08: Skokie Campus Backup Power Generator**  
**1600 E. Golf Road**  
**Des Plaines, IL 60016**
30. The College would expect companies to provide their lowest/best offer when submitting prices. If your lowest/best price is through one of the following consortiums, please include which consortium you used:
- Educational and Institutional Cooperative Services (E & I)  
U.S. Communities, Government Purchasing Alliance  
Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS)  
Illinois Community College System Purchasing Consortium (ICCSPC)  
Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative (IPHEC)  
Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC)  
Sourcewell, formally National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)  
Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC)
- Any appropriate discounts and/or special pricing from these consortiums should be applied to this bid.*
31. Failure to respond to this bid will result in elimination from the College's bid list. A "NO BID" is considered a valid response. If submitting a "NO BID", please state the reason why.
32. The College is exempt from all taxes. Certificate will be furnished upon request.
33. The Procurement department will verify all price calculations. In the event of an error, the total will be adjusted accordingly. The new adjusted total will be used when awarding the bid.

**As noted, please submit two paper copies ( One Original copy & One FOIA copy) and one digital PDF copy via a USB drive.**

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE WORK AT OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, DES PLAINES AND RAY HARTSTEIN CAMPUSES

GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.01 Intent: It is the intent of these specifications (and attached drawings) to establish requirements for the specified project, so as to result in an installation complete in every respect and in perfect working order.
- 1.02 The Facilities Dept Office: Skokie, Room A182;  
Phone (847) 635-1780
- 1.03 Questions During Bidding: If any questions arise they should be directed to the Oakton Community College Procurement Department.
- 1.04 Coordination: Prior to starting work, the Contractor shall contact the Facilities Department to review contract requirements and to insure complete compliance with contract documents.
- 1.05 Site Investigation:
- A. The Contractor shall visit the areas of proposed work and familiarize himself with all conditions under which he will be obligated to perform the contract. He shall also consult with the Facilities Department so that he may be informed of any restrictions or conditions which could have a direct bearing on his work. Submission of a bid shall be taken as evidence of compliance with this requirement. (Contractor is reminded that adjacent spaces are occupied and that suitable precautions must be taken to limit disruption of normal activities.)
  - B. If the existing conditions of the site are at variance with, and materially affect, the work shown on the Drawings and/or described in the Specifications, the Contractor shall inform the Facilities Department of the conditions at least 5 working days prior to the bid. The Facilities Department shall then issue an addendum clarifying the variance and providing direction regarding how to address the variance.
  - C. No extra charge or compensation will be allowed to the Contractor because of existing conditions which may affect the Contractor's work and which could have been ascertained upon visiting the Site.
- 1.06 Job Conditions and Dimensions: The Contractor shall verify all conditions and dimensions and be responsible for his work conforming to existing conditions. Submittal of bid shall confirm that the Contractor has conformed to this requirement.
- 1.07 Oakton Community College Security & Safety Requirements:
- A. Signage: Safety and information signage required during construction is the responsibility of the Contractor unless Specifications indicate otherwise.

- B. Sign In: Contractor's Superintendent or lead man on the job shall "sign in & out" in person or by phone each day with the Facilities Office stating the number of men on the job and location(s).
- C. All safety considerations must be adhered to.

1.08 Codes - Permits - Regulations: The Contractor shall conform with the requirements of all applicable local laws, codes, ordinances and regulations; requirements of the Illinois Community College Board; and, shall comply with all rules and regulations for the issuing of necessary notices, and costs required to be paid in performing the Contract in compliance with Specifications, except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents. All costs for preparing necessary shop drawings, all necessary reproductions, and the obtaining of permits and fees shall be included in the Contractor's base price. Final payment of the contract sum will not be approved without receipt of all approved permit drawings.

The contractor shall be responsible for correcting any code violations caused by his work at no additional cost to Oakton Community College.

Oakton Community College is not required to obtain local Skokie or Des Plaines permits. It is the requirement of Oakton Community College and the Illinois Community College Board that all work meet the standards of the local building codes in force at the time the project is constructed.

1.09 Insurance and Contractor's Liability: Prior to beginning work at the work site, the Contractor shall furnish Oakton Community College satisfactory evidence (subject to approval of Oakton Community College) that he and his sub-contractors have the following insurance coverage which shall not be canceled or permitted to lapse until final completion and approval of the performance of the contract and shall contain a provision that the policy will not be canceled or changed until 30 days after Oakton Community College has received written notice, by certified or registered mail, that the cancellation or change of such policy is contemplated.

Oakton Community College and Kluber Architects + Engineers, Inc. or other consultants shall be named as additional insured parties on all Insurance Certificates.

- A. Worker's Compensation - Statutory Limit - Employer's Liability \$500,000.00
- B. Commercial General Liability
  - \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence
  - \$2,000,000.00 each aggregate
  - Property Damage
  - \$500,000.00 each occurrence
- C. Automobile Liability



\$1,000,000.00 combined single limit

- D. Catastrophe (Umbrella) \$3,000,000.00  
Liability insurance may be used to satisfy limits

- 1.10 Material Approval: Contractor shall submit to Oakton Community College for approval, a list of all subcontractors, product names, pertinent information and shop drawings of all materials and assemblies proposed to be used in the fabrication and installation of all work.
- 1.11 Notification: Contractor shall notify Oakton Community College 24 hours prior to starting any work. Failure to notify may be reason for Oakton Community College to refuse admittance of any Contractor's men to facilities. If Contractor leaves job for more than 24 hours, he shall notify Oakton Community College of date of expected return.
- 1.12 Deliveries: Contractor shall make deliveries only while his personnel are available to accept delivery. Oakton Community College will not accept responsibility for any material delivered to job site. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to notify his Suppliers as to what his location is in the buildings and be available to accept deliveries.
- 1.13 Hours of Operation: Buildings will be available to the Contractor for work only between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, unless otherwise approved by Oakton Community College.
- 1.14 Acceptance of Preceding Work:
- A. Before starting any operation, the Contractor, with the Oakton Community College Facilities Department shall examine work already performed to which his work adjoins, or is applied. The Contractor shall report to Oakton Community College any conditions that will prevent satisfactory accomplishments of his contract.
  - B. Failure to notify Oakton Community College, in writing, of deficiencies or faults in preceding work will constitute acceptance thereof and waiver of any claim of its unsuitability.
  - C. Failure to notify the Oakton Community College Facilities Department prior to covering any work may result, at Oakton Community College's option, in the Contractor having to remove his work for inspection and then reinstall it at no additional charge to Oakton Community College.
- 1.15 Building Facilities - In General:
- A. The basic facilities necessary to accommodate the Contractor's men and equipment exist. These facilities, however, must be used within their capabilities and in the manner designated by Oakton Community College. Contractor shall coordinate.
  - B. Contractors shall provide at their own expense, all temporary piping, wiring, drop cords, etc., from existing sources to point of usage including the facilities, valves, etc., necessary to connect the existing sources.

- C. Each Contractor using these facilities must make his own connections to these energy sources and furnish his own conduit, safety switches, wiring, etc., and remove same at the completion of the work or as directed by Oakton Community College.
  - D. Contractor shall provide lighting as necessary to adequately illuminate the areas until the normal light sources are installed unless otherwise specified.
  - E. The cost of electric power, water and gas used in the course of the project will be paid by Oakton Community College.
  - F. The contractor may use Oakton's sanitary facilities, but must keep the facilities clean and available for public use at all times.
  - G. Loading Dock Scheduling: The loading dock will not be available to accept deliveries.
- 1.16 Contractor's Property: Oakton Community College will not be responsible for loss or damage of any of the Contractor's property. Materials remain the Contractor's property until fully installed and accepted by Oakton Community College. It is recommended that all supplies and equipment be clearly identified by paint or other method.
- 1.17 Supervision: The Contractor shall, at all times during the course of the work, maintain, on the job site qualified supervisors.
- 1.18 Cleaning Up: All debris created during the course of the work shall be removed at the end of each working day to an appropriate trash container and to an appropriate offsite location at or prior to the point when the trash containers are filled. At the completion of the work the contractor shall remove excess materials, tools and equipment from the site and leave the premises in a condition satisfactory to Oakton Community College.
- 1.19 Final Inspection: When the work is substantially completed, Contractor shall notify the Facilities Department, phone number (847) 635-1780, that work will be ready for inspection on a definite date. Final payment will not be issued until installation is completed.
- 1.20 Guarantee: Contractor shall remedy any defects in material or workmanship at his own expense, which may appear for a period of one year from final acceptance unless otherwise noted in the specifications or in the normal warranty given by the Manufacturer or Contractor.
- 1.21 Parking: Parking is available within the boundaries of the construction area or at designated locations. Failure to follow campus parking and traffic regulations will result in citations being issued.
- 1.22 Trailer & Storage Sites: Trailer parking space is available within the boundaries of the construction area.

- 1.23 Payments: Requests for payment must be submitted to Oakton Community College via the Facilities Department. The requests must be accompanied by a “waiver-of-lien to date” or “final waiver-of-lien” covering materials and labor from the Contractor and all Subcontractors and Suppliers. The requests must be submitted on AIA Documents G702 and G703 and be accompanied by an invoice indicating the Purchase Order number under which the work is/was being done.
- 1.24 Replacing Ceiling Tiles and Repair of Damage: Contractor shall reinstall any ceiling tiles disturbed by his work and replace any ceiling tiles damaged as a result of his work. Contractor shall repair or replace any building components damaged as a result of his work. Contractor shall notify Oakton Community College of any holes or other damage that he is aware of in an area which he is working which were not made by his crew.
- 1.25 Shut-down of Utilities: Contractor shall notify Facilities Department at least 2 working days in advance for minor shut-downs and 10 working days in advance for major shut-downs. All arrangements must be made through the Facilities Department.
- 1.26 Prevailing Wages: Not less than the prevailing wage for Cook County shall be paid for labor on this job in accordance with the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. Please visit the State of Illinois website at <http://www.state.il.us/agency/idol/>, to get a current list for Cook County prevailing wages.
- 1.27 Taxes: Oakton Community College District 535 is exempt from Federal, State and Local taxes.
- 1.28 Pre-construction and Progress Meetings: A pre-construction meeting will be held prior to beginning work at the site to review the project, project schedule, procedures and any other pertinent topics. Weekly progress meetings shall be held at the site to discuss progress status.
- 1.29 As-built Drawings: The Contractor shall prepare and submit a complete set of as-built drawings, including reproducible blueprints and AutoCad file, detailing any deviations from the drawings or specifications. The Owner shall supply a set of sepia drawings for the Contractor's use in preparing these drawings.
- 1.30 Changes in the Work: The Owner, without invalidating the contract, may make changes by altering, adding to or deducting from the work, the contract sum being adjusted accordingly. All such work shall be executed under the conditions of the original contract, except that any claim for extension of time caused thereby shall be adjusted at the time of ordering such change.

No change shall be made unless in pursuance of a written order from the Owner or his authorized representatives, stating that the Owner has authorized the change, and no claim for an addition to the contract sum shall be valid unless so ordered.

The value of any such change shall be determined in one or more of the following ways:

- a) By estimate and acceptance in a lump sum.
- b) By unit prices named in the contract or subsequently agreed on.
- c) By cost and percentage.

- 1.31 Claim for Extras: If the Contractor claims that any instructions, by drawings or otherwise, involve extra cost under this contract, he shall give the Owner written notice therefore before proceeding to execute the work. No such claims shall be valid unless so made.
- 1.32 Sexual Harassment:  
All successful contractors must comply with the provisions of the Illinois Human Rights Act (Act) dealing with equal employment opportunities (Section 2-105, 775 ILCS 5/2-105) including equality of employment opportunity and the regulations of the Department of Humans Rights of the State of Illinois and also must provide for the adoption and implementation of written Sexual Harassment Policies. The contract with the successful bidder will provide for this requirement. The statutory provisions setting forth what such policies shall include as a minimum, under the Act, are on file with the District and available to the contractor upon request.
- 1.33 Bid Security:  
A certified check or bank draft or bid bond, made payable to Oakton Community College, shall be submitted with the bid in the amount of **ten (10) percent of your total bid**. The bid security will be forfeited by the successful bidder in the event of the bidder's failure to enter into a contract. Checks or drafts of unsuccessful bidders will be returned as soon as practicable after opening and checking the bids.
- 1.34 Performance Bonds:  
The successful bidder on this proposal must furnish a performance bond and a labor and material payment bond made out to Oakton Community College, prepared on an approved form, as security for the faithful performance of their contract, within ten (10) days of their notification that their bid has been accepted. The surety thereon must be such surety company or companies as are authorized and licensed to transact business in the State of Illinois and have an A-/6 or better rated company (as rated by Best's Rating Service). Attorneys in fact who sign bid bonds must file with each bond a certified copy of their power of attorney to sign said bonds. The performance bond and payment bond shall be in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum. The cost of bonds shall be included in the bidder's proposal.

**BID CHECKLIST**

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|----------------|--|----------------|---------------|
| 1)             | Did you include a company profile?   | YES            | NO            |
| 2)             | Did you include the references requested?  | YES            | NO            |
| 3)             | Please include the name of your bonding company<br>rated A-/6 or better by Best's for your Performance/Labor and<br>Material Payment Bonds.<br>Company Name _____<br><br>Address _____<br><br>City/State/Zip _____<br><br>Phone Number _____<br><br>Rating _____ | YES            | NO            |
| 4)             | Did you complete and include your fully completed bid<br>price sheets?   | YES            | NO            |
| 5)             | Did you attend the mandatory pre-bid meetings?   | YES            | NO            |
| 6)             | Did you complete and include the Contractors Certification?  | YES            | NO            |
| 7)             | Did you read and do you agree to all terms and specifications<br>as noted in the bid?  | YES            | NO            |
| 8)             | Did you include your Bid Security in the form of either a bid<br>bond or cashier's check drawn to the order of Oakton Community<br>College in the amount of 10% of the base bid price?   | YES            | NO            |
| 9a)            | Is your company going to use subcontractors?   | YES            | NO            |
| 9b)            | If yes, did you include the name, address, phone number of the<br>subcontractors being used?   | YES            | NO            |
| 10)            | Is your company or any subcontractor a Minority Business Enterprise?   | YES            | NO            |
| 11)            | If so, is this company registered with the State of Illinois<br>Commission on Equity and Inclusion?  | YES            | NO            |
| <del>12)</del> | <del>A BEP goal was identified, did you complete the Utilization Plan?</del>   | <del>YES</del> | <del>NO</del> |
| 13)            | Did you include a copy of your bid on a flash drive?   | YES            | NO            |
| <del>14)</del> | <del>Do you understand and agree to execute the Project Labor<br/>Agreement?</del>   | <del>YES</del> | <del>NO</del> |

**\*\*\*\*THIS BID CHECKLIST SHOULD BE RETURNED WITH YOUR BID\*\*\*\***

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRICING PAGE**

Please see the specification manual/instructions from Kluber + Engineers Inc. for the pricing page for this project.

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STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) SS.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

## CONTRACTOR'S CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to Illinois Revised Statutes Chapter 38, Article 33E (Public Contracts), the undersigned certifies that he/she is a duly authorized agent of the contractor submitting the attached bid to Community College District 535, Oakton Community College and that said contractor is not barred from bidding on this public contract as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of said statute.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before  
me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public

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Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND  
SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION**

**SKOKIE CAMPUS BACKUP POWER GENERATOR**

**OAKTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
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DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS**

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SKOKIE, ILLINOIS**

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## **SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**The following Supplementary General Conditions Supplement the Standard Specifications and the General Conditions for Construction and Maintenance Work at Oakton Community College.**

### **CONSTRUCTION STAKING**

#### **1.0 GENERAL**

- 1.1 Line and grade staking: The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all construction staking, and shall provide such ordinary labor as may be required by the Engineer to check lines and grades and make other necessary measurements.
- 1.2 The frame elevations will be set based on actual finished elevation of the surrounding surface or other existing control and are subject to minor adjustment at no additional cost to the College.
- 1.3 The work shall be constructed to the lines, grades, and cross sections indicated on the Contract Drawings, unless otherwise directed by the Engineer. The Engineer reserves the right to make changes in the lines, grades and cross sections as may be deemed necessary during the progress of the work. Such minor changes in the line and grade shall not change the payment to the Contractor for such work.
- 1.4 All improvements shall be true both horizontally and vertically.

END

### **SUBMITTALS AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

#### **1.0 GENERAL**

##### **1.1 DESCRIPTION:**

##### **1.1.1 Work Included:**

- 1.1.1.1 Wherever possible throughout the Contract Documents, the minimum acceptable quality of workmanship and materials has been defined by manufacturer's name and catalog number, referenced to recognized industry and government standards, or description of required attributes and performance.
- 1.1.1.2 To ensure that the specified products are furnished and installed in accordance with design intent, procedures have been established for advance submittal of design data and for their review by the Engineer.
- 1.1.1.3 Make all submittals required by the Contract Documents, and revise and resubmit as necessary to establish compliance with the specified requirements.

##### **1.2 QUALITY ASSURANCE:**

- 1.2.1 Coordination of Submittals: Prior to each submittal, carefully review and coordinate all aspects of each item being submitted and verify that each item and the submittal for it conforms in all respects with the requirements of the Contract Documents. By affixing the Contractor's signature to each submittal, certify

that this coordination has been performed.

1.2.2 Certificates of Compliance:

1.2.2.1 Certify that all materials used in the work comply with all specified provisions thereof. Certification shall not be construed as relieving the contractor from furnishing satisfactory materials if, after tests are performed on selected samples, the material is found to not meet specified requirements.

1.2.2.2 Show on each certification the name and location of the work, name and address of Contractor, quantity and date or dates of the shipment or delivery to which the certificate applies, and name of the manufacturing or fabricating company. Certification shall be in the form of letter or company-standard forms containing all required data. Certificates shall be signed by an officer of the manufacturing or fabricating company.

1.3 REQUIRED SUBMITTALS:

1.3.1 Submit Shop Drawings and Manufacturer's Literature for each of the following:  
See Project Manual

END

**TESTING LABORATORY SERVICES**

**1.0 GENERAL**

1.1 DESCRIPTION:

1.1.1 Work Included: Throughout the construction the Project Engineer may require the Contractor to perform testing of various materials or installed items. The Contractor shall provide all material and assistance needed to perform inspection and testing required under pertinent other sections of these specifications.

1.1.2 Work included in this Section: The testing company must be approved by the Project Engineer. Hot Mix Asphalt nuclear density testing is required for all patching operations. It is anticipated that a testing company will need to be on-site for a few hours that day that patching operations are done. Plant testing of hot-mix asphalt materials will not be required (as long as the material is from an approved IDOT source). This testing shall be paid for by the contractor and is incidental to the pay items.

**2.0 PROCEDURES**

2.1 COOPERATION WITH TESTING LABORATORY: Representatives of the testing laboratory shall have access to the work at all times. Provide facilities for such access in order that the laboratory may properly perform its function.

2.2 CONDUCT OF INSPECTING:

- 2.2.1 Notification: To permit the Project Engineer to schedule testing services, notify the Project Engineer not less than 48 hours in advance when testing will be required.
- 2.2.2 Reimbursement of Testing Costs: When Project Engineer has dispatched personnel to witness inspection or testing, and the inspecting or testing has been delayed without proper notification to the Project Engineer, the contractor shall reimburse all associated costs arising by virtue of lack of notification.

END

**SITE PROTECTION AND ACCESS**

**1.0 GENERAL**

- 1.1 The proposed improvements have been located to facilitate access to the work and to prevent damage to planting and other areas outside the limits of work. The Contractor is not permitted to stockpile material or equipment in any area off the project site unless he has received approval to do so from the Project Engineer and property owners in writing.
- 1.2 All areas which have been disturbed during the construction, for which a specific proposal item has not been established, shall be incidental to the contract. All items to be replaced shall be replaced in similar kind to that which was removed.
- 1.3 All traffic controls, barricades, flagmen, or anything else necessary for construction of the improvements shall be provided by the Contractor and incidental to the contract. The following guidelines shall be adhered to by the Contractor unless written permission to deviate from these guidelines is secured in advance from the Project Engineer.
  - 1.3.1 Twenty-four hours prior to closing or blocking any lanes or sidewalks, the Contractor shall notify Oakton Community College as to the schedule and duration of the restriction or closing.
  - 1.3.2 At least one lane sufficient and appropriate for vehicular passage shall be maintained on all streets during working hours. All excavations, stockpiles, spoil piles, and equipment must be adequately protected by moveable barricades with operating flashing lights.
- 1.4 Access via local roadways is limited to loads permitted or posted. Use of these roadways shall be at direction of the Engineer and the City of Skokie.
- 1.5 Barricades, warning signs and flagged-off-areas must be established to warn individuals of the construction modifications. Alternative parking, drive and access must be provided by the Contractor prior to any closure during these site improvements.
- 1.6 All construction traffic must access the site via Golf Road.

END

## **CLEANING**

### **1.0 GENERAL**

#### **1.1 SAFETY CLEANING:**

1.1.1 Safety Cleaning: The contractor is responsible for safety cleaning, which includes but is not limited to the following:

1.1.1.1 Keep work areas free of dirt, rubbish, debris and scrap.

1.1.1.2 Backfill progressively after any underground utility installation.

1.1.1.3 Remove spills of oil, grease, or other liquids immediately or sprinkle with sand.

#### **1.2 PROGRESS CLEANING:**

1.2.1 The Contractor shall remove his rubbish and debris from site promptly upon its accumulation, and prior to general cleanup.

1.2.2 The Contractor shall make daily cleaning of adjacent roadways before leaving the construction site at the end of each work day. Cleaning may be required more frequently if excessive mud buildup of over one-half inch (1/2") occurs. The Contractor must completely remove dirt from roadway and shall not simply push it to the shoulder or curb. IDOT Permit requirements and safety concerns may require more frequent cleaning.

#### **1.3 DUST**

1.3.1 If, during the process of work, the work areas become dusty due to vehicle traffic in these work areas, the Engineer may order the placement of calcium chloride or washing the street, or both. This activity is considered incidental to the contract work and is not an extra pay item.

#### **1.4 FINAL CLEANING:**

1.4.1 Immediately prior to substantial completion, the Contractor shall perform thorough cleaning so as to put all such work in a complete and finished condition ready for acceptance and the use intended.

END

## **PROJECT RECORDS**

### **1.0 GENERAL**

- 1.1 During progress of the work, the contractor shall maintain on the job site one (1) set of drawings upon which he shall keep an accurate record of final location of each completed part of the work. The Project Engineer will review this record set of drawings each week and will advise the Contractor if final positions are within the tolerance required for proper design.
- 1.2 Upon completion of all work called for herein, the Contractor's final marked set of prints shall be turned over to the Project Engineer with other drawings called for in the Contract Documents.

END

## **STORM WATER MANAGEMENT AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN**

### **1.0 GENERAL**

All areas of the site must drain freely during the project. Blockage of normal or emergency flow will not be permitted, although pumping of normal flow and groundwater is anticipated. The purpose of this provision is to avoid unnecessary property damage.

END

## **SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

**The following Special Provisions supplement the "Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction", adopted January 1, 2012, the "Supplemental Specifications and Recurring Special Provisions", adopted January 1, 2012 (as indicated on the check sheet included herein) and the latest edition of the Illinois Manual on Uniform Control Devices for Streets and Highways", in effect on the date of invitation for proposals, and the current edition of the "Standard Specifications for Watermain and Sewer Construction in Illinois". These Special Provisions included herein apply to and govern the proposed improvement and, in case of conflict with any part or parts of said specifications, said special provisions shall take precedent and shall govern.**



## **SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

### **A. START OF CONSTRUCTION / CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**

The construction schedule for the project will be as follows:  
**June 22, 2025**

### **B. TIME OF COMPLETION**

Final completion dates for all work on this project has been specified as **December 31, 2025**

### **C. NOTIFICATION**

The College requires 48 hours' notice in advance of any roadway or parking lot closures.

### **D. EXCESS SPOILS/DEMOLITION**

The project will generate excess spoils that need to be removed from the site at the contractor's expense to an offsite location chosen and paid for by the contractor. The contractor is responsible for obtaining CCDD clearance for all spoils removed from the site. The College at the College's expense will retain a 3<sup>rd</sup> party soils consultant to perform the CCDD testing. For purposes of the base bid, the contractor can assume all of the spoils will meet CCDD guidelines for typical non-contaminated disposal. The bid sheet contains a line item for special disposal to a special waste handler for any contaminated spoils that may be encountered which will be paid on a CY basis.

As part of the demolition, all material generated including but not limited to existing paver blocks, concrete walks, concrete benches, landscaping, electrical components shall be removed from the site at the contractor's expense to an offsite location chosen and paid for by the contractor.

### **F. PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ATTACHED COVER THE SCOPE OF WORK**

**BUSINESS****Responsible Bidder Policy**

All responsible bidders shall meet the following applicable criteria and/or submit evidence to the College satisfying the requirements below:

- All applicable laws prerequisite to doing business in Illinois, and all local ordinances; and not in conflict with any federal law.
- Evidence of compliance with:
  - Federal Employer Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number (for individuals).
  - Provision of Section 2000(e) of Chapter 21, Title 42 of the United States Code and Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended by Executive Order No. 11375 (known as the Equal Opportunity Employer provisions).
- Certificates of insurance indicating the following coverages: general liability, workers' compensation, completed operations, and automobile.
- Compliance with all provisions of the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act, including wages, medical and hospitalization insurance and retirement for those trades covered in the Act.
- Disclosure of the name and address of each subcontractor from whom the contractor has accepted a bid and/or intends to hire on any part of the project prior to the subcontractor commencing work on the project.

**Public Works Projects**

The College has adopted this policy to allow the College's business, finance and facilities functions to identify responsible bidders for the potential award of public works contracts. In addition to all other applicable legal requirements, the term "responsible bidder" for purposes of this policy means a bidder for public works project advertised, awarded, and financed, in whole or in part, by the College that is capable to perform fully the contract based on the bidder's experience, personnel, integrity, reliability, facilities capacity, equipment, acceptable past performance, total cost, and credit which will assure good faith performance.

For purposes of this policy, a public works project shall include all works requiring the performance of services or construction as those terms are defined in the Employee Classification Act, 820 ILCS185/1, et seq. It is the College's goal to ensure that only qualified contractors and subcontractors are awarded contracts in connection with construction, renovation, repair and demolition of public works undertaken by the College.

- The bidder and all bidder's subcontractors must participate in active apprenticeship and training programs approved and registered with the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Apprenticeship for each of the trades of work contemplated under the awarded contract. The Board of Trustees of Oakton College reserves the right to waive the apprenticeship and training program requirement at its sole discretion.
- All bidders and sub-contractors are required to turn in certified payrolls as required by the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act 820 ILCS 130/1, et seq., and follow all provisions of the Employee Classification Act, 820 ILCS 185/1, et seq.
- All bidders must provide evidence of three (3) projects of a similar nature as being performed in the immediate past five (5) years with the name, address and telephone number of the contact person having knowledge of the project or three (3) references (name, address, and telephone number) with knowledge of the integrity and business practices of the contractor.