

**Department of Materials Management
Procurement Unit
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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April 4, 2022

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

**The following are questions and responses regarding
IFB 9756.1, ADA Chairlift Replacements at Various Locations**

Q: There is a bid form provided for each individual school. Will each school be awarded individually or will the all be awarded to one contractor? This is important, because the General Conditions that would typically be shared between the 4 schools would have to be applied to each one if they will or could be awarded separately.

A: *Please see General Conditions C. Award - Montgomery County Public Schools may award to one or more bidders.*

II. Contract Administration A. Pre-Award Meeting

Q: There is one bid bond for this RFP. If the school plans or even possibly plans to award each school individually or provide partial award, this should be made known.

A: *Please see P. Bid Security: The bid security required is for the 10% of the total bid submitted.*

Prior to award the awarded contractor(s) will be notified in order to obtain the Performance and Payment Bonds.) See – B. Contract Security

Q: Each school has listed Savaria as the BOD lift. Can we use any Savaria dealer for this or does it have to come from Premier Lifts?

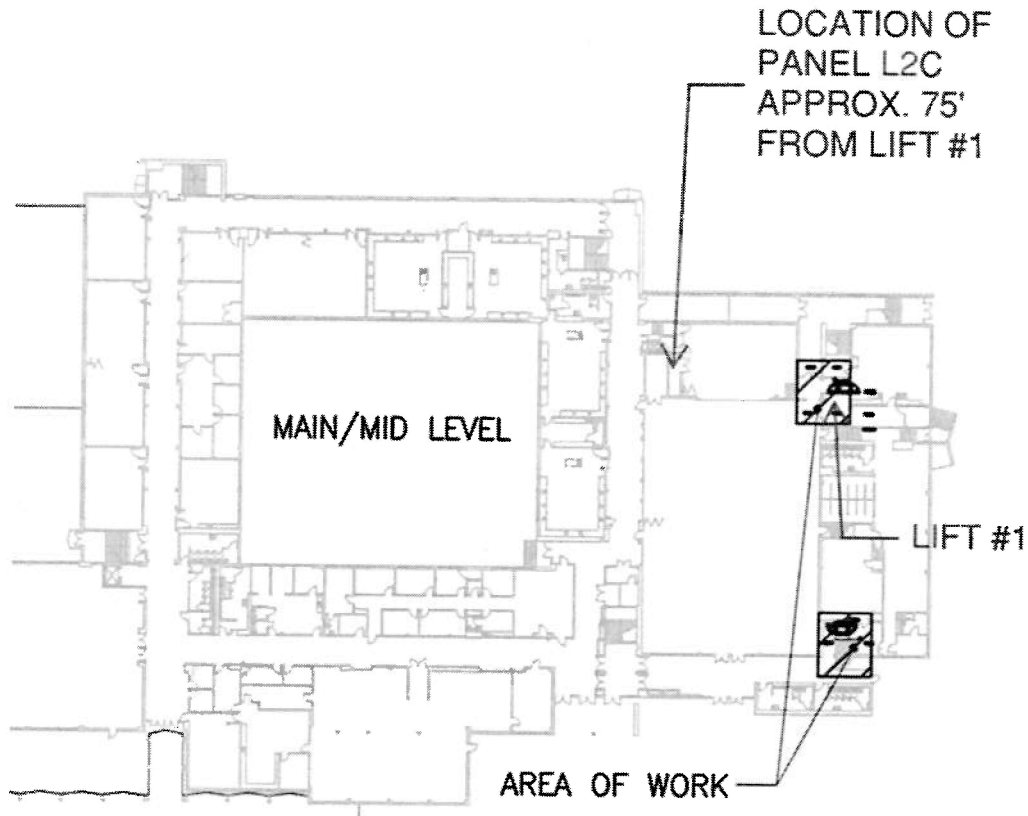
A: *Premier Lifts has done some inspections and existing conditions and provided preliminary drawings. MCPS will accept any Savaria product meeting specifications.*

Q: Can we purchase the lifts from different vendors for each school as opposed to one lift vendor for all 4 schools? The benefit to this would be to spread the labor around as we have a concern that one vendor could not complete all 5 lifts at the same time. Considering the current schedule concerns, this would help the situation.

A: *This is allowed, as long as manufacturers are approved in the specifications.*

Q: Cedar Grove E. S – E1.1 states the existing circuit is located in panel L2C. Please provide the location of this panel within the building.

A: *The only school with a panel L2C is White Oak Middle School, we are providing a response based on the conditions at White Oak MS. Panel L2C is located in the Gym Storage Closet on the Main/Mid Level approximately 75'-0" west of Lift# 1 location.*



Q: We'd like to set up a site visit. Should we call each school and coordinate with their facility team?

A: **Site visits were performed March 30 and 31.**

Q: Will MCPS be providing the permit for this project? Will there be a separate permit for each school?

A: **Building permits have been applied for through MCPS for each school individually. All trade permits will need to be coordinated by the contractor.**

Q: Is this project wage scale and need to adhere to Davis Bacon rates?

A: **No**

Q: There is mention of a State Sign (pdf page 58/70) of the General Conditions and Specifications (see clip below). Is it a requirement for us to include costs to F&I / Remove one of these signs at each school?

A: **No**

Q: When is anticipated contract award? The lifts currently have a 12 week lead time and would need to have them ordered by mid-April to complete the project per the schedule you've outlined. We'd have to be under contract and have the submittal submitted/approved with all color selections finalized by mid-April.


A: *The intent is to take this Bid for approval to the May 10 board for approval.*

Q: Question regarding award date - You don't anticipate taking this to the Board until May 10th. With a 12+ week lead time (plus 2-3 week shipping/installation) on the specified lifts, we would be beyond the contract deadline by the time the lifts arrived and installation was completed. This must go to the Board earlier or some consideration must be in place to extend the completion date. Otherwise, we'll need to include weeks of Liquidated Damage costs that are outlined this RFP within our bid proposal and this does not seem to benefit the County, tax payers or the schools in any way. Something really needs to be addressed regarding this concern if we are to be able to bid. Below are two clipped sections from the General Conditions. Section G outlines the LD's that would come into effect based on the current spec'd schedule. Section II Contract Administration section 5 has a provision for requesting time extensions. Please consider this our notification of a concern with the schedule. If you need further documentation from Savaria, please let me know, and we can obtain a letter that supports what we are stating.

A: *There are 15 weeks between BOE approval and completion date. MCPS requires that lifts be in operation for start of school year. MCPS staff would work with awarded contractor to assist as much as possible to complete this work on time.*

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

The bid opening is scheduled for April 8, 2022 at 2:00 pm.



Angela McIntosh-Davis, CPPB, Team Leader
Procurement Unit

Please indicate your receipt of this notice by signing below and return with your bid or under separate cover.

Received: _____

Name and Title

Name of Company: _____

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