INFORMAL CONTRACTS

The California Department of Education has set the bid threshold of Informal contracts (A/B Letter) "Not to Exceed" the amount of $95,200.

HOW DOES A SMALL CONTRACTOR GET AN INFORMAL CONTRACT WITH LAUSD?

- Become safety prequalified prior to bidding through the LAUSD’s Safety Prequalification process. The Questionnaire is available on the web site at www.laschools.org/new-site/prequalification/.
- Visit the LAUSD Maintenance and Operations (M&O) web site at http://mo.laschools.org/fis/existing-facilities/m-and-o/bidwalks for the Informal contracts that are currently offered for bid.
- Informal contracts are awarded using a low-bid procurement method to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.
- A 10% bid preference will be applied to LAUSD Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certified contractors.

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO BE QUALIFIED TO BID AN INFORMAL CONTRACT?

- Be safety prequalified prior to bidding.
- Informal contracts over $15,000 require a performance bond; those under $15,000 do not require bonding.
- Prevailing wages apply to ALL CONTRACTS $15,000 and up. Prevailing wages are applied to the overall contract price, which means that subcontractors also pay prevailing wages, regardless of their portion of the contract.
- A specialty license is typically required, depending on the type of project.
- Worker’s Compensation Insurance.
- General Liability Insurance coverage of $1,000,000 single occurrence and $2,000,000 aggregate.
- Commercial Automotive Insurance coverage of $1,000,000 combined single limit.
- All insurance coverage must be provided through a California-admitted Insurance Company with an A-VII or higher rating, according to the A.M. Best Company standards. OCIP is NOT provided on Informal Contracts.
- All specialty contracts that exceed $20,000, and are funded in whole or in part by monies from local bonds, are subject to the Project Stabilization Agreement.
- Complete California Department of Industrial Relations Public Works Contractor Registration annually.

LAUSD Maintenance & Operations Areas
(Information for Informal Contracts)

Web Site: http://mo.laschools.org/fis/existing-facilities/m-and-o/bidwalks/

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M & O North Area 2
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M & O Central Area 1
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Frank Perez, AFSD
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M & O Central Area 2
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Greta Galoustian, CPM
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RFD = Regional Facilities Director
AFSD = Area Facilities Services Director
CPM = Complex Project Manager
LAUSD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

FORMAL CONTRACTS

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR A CONTRACTOR TO BE AWARDED A FORMAL CONTRACT WITH LAUSD?

- BE PREQUALIFIED through LAUSD’s Prime Contractor Prequalification process. Bidders must prequalify (annually) prior to their respective expiration date, and maintain prequalification approval.

PREQUALIFICATION

Prequalification submittals are accepted on an on-going basis. Questionnaires are available on the LAUSD Facilities Contracts web site at www.laschools.org/new-site/prequalification/

To contact the Prequalification Unit, call (213) 241-2651 or email prequalification@laschools.org.

- COMPLETE the CA Department of Industrial Relations Public Works Contractor Registration annually.

- MAINTAIN A CONTRACTOR LICENSE that is current, active and appropriate for the project.

- ENROLL in the Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP) if awarded a contract. For more information contact Alliant Insurance Services at 866-394-7937.

- BOND-FUNDED PROJECTS require bidders to submit a certification with bid stating they will adhere and abide by the Project Stabilization Agreement (PSA) requirements. For more information visit www.laschools.org/contractor/psa.

- BE THE LOWEST responsive and responsible bidder.

- MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL and PLUMBING (MEP) subcontractors must be prequalified under the Subcontractor Prequalification Program.

INFORMATION ON PROJECTS

- LAUSD WEB SITE: for information about prequalification, bidding, bid results, plans & specifications, or contracts please visit us at: www.laschools.org.

- LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT in the Los Angeles Daily Journal and newspapers in the locality of the proposed project.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS in the Dodge Data & Analytics and Construction Bidboard.

- Job Order Contracts:
  www.laschools.org/new-site/bidding-opportunities/best-value/joc

Prime Contractor Prequalification approval required to bid Master Contracts.

- LAUSD Facilities Contracts
  Jorge Ballardo, Director

LAUSD EXPECTATIONS

WHAT DOES LAUSD EXPECT OF CONTRACTORS AWARDED BIDS?

- MAINTAIN a safe environment for students and staff and keep site clean of debris.

- PAY prevailing wages to its employees and subcontractors.

- HIRE AND TRAIN apprentices and make appropriate payments to apprentice training trust.

- HIRE a workforce for the project that reflects the ethnic diversity of Los Angeles.

- HIRE employees that conduct themselves in a professional manner around students.

- WE BUILD - The Board is committed to participation of local area residents in its school construction and modernization programs. To identify trained and skilled labor resources, please contact the "We Build" Program at (213) 241-1301. This Program works directly with the Union Building Trades.

- CONSTRUCT the project according to the plans and specifications.

- COMPLETE the project within the contract time limits.