

# Contractor Bidding FAQ

## **How can I find out about upcoming Measure BB contracting opportunities?**

All interested contractors can be added to the SMMUSD interested bidders list by registering with the FIP Office by completing SMMUSD's Contractor Survey. Upcoming bidding opportunities are announce via email and fax.

## **Will there be any pre-bid conferences or workshops?**

Each project will have mandatory pre-bid job walks scheduled during the procurement process. Please check the projects bid documents for specific time, date, and location of the job walk.

## **Do all contractors need to pre-qualify for Measure BB construction projects?**

Yes, all contractors must be pre-qualified to bid a Measure BB construction project. Pre-qualifications are project specific. A contractor must pre-qualify for each project that they would like to bid on.

## **How do I bid for a Measure BB contract?**

Once a contractor has been pre-qualified to bid on a specific project, they are then eligible to submit a bid to an SMMUSD project.

## **Where do I submit a completed bid?**

Per project specifications, all bids must be received in the District Purchasing Office at 1651 Sixteenth Street, Santa Monica, California 90404

## **Where can I view and/or download Measure BB construction bids and related documents?**

A public planroom has been created on the ARC website for all SMMUSD Measure BB projects that are currently bidding or procuring.

Visit [https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL\\_Main.asp?mem=44](https://order.e-arc.com/arcEOC/PWELL_Main.asp?mem=44).

Click on *Public Planroom*, located at the bottom left side of the web page. In the *Public Planroom*, utilize the search option by typing the name of the project in the *Field Type*; the plan room can be searched for further information regarding the project.

## **How often is the contractor section of the FIP webpage updated?**

The contractor section of the FIP webpage is updated as often as necessary to provide the most up to date information concerning upcoming bidding opportunities and related project documents.

## **How do I login to the FIP website to view bidding opportunities?**

To login, you must register with the FIP Office through the following link:  
<http://fipcontractors.smmusd.org>

## **What types of projects can a smaller company bid on?**

Maintenance & Operations projects and minor improvement projects under \$45,000 (Proposal Submittal/Purchase Order)

Informal Bidding; Projects up to \$175,000 per enacted California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Commission act (CUPCAA) per SMMUSD Board Resolution number 10-14 which was approved at the November 18, 2010 board meeting

**What types of procurement methods are used for procuring projects larger than \$175,000?**

Competitive bidding pursuant to Public Contract Code 3300 and Lease Leaseback (LLB) pursuant to Education Code 17406

**Is Bonding required on all projects?**

Yes;

**Bid Bond:** For projects bidding per Public Contract Code 3300 and Informal Bidding projects. Bid bonds are not required for projects being procured pursuant to Education Code 17406 (LLB)

**Performance Bond:** For projects bidding per Public Contract Code, Informal Bidding and projects being procured pursuant to Education Code 17406 (LLB)

**Labor and Material Payment Bond:** For projects bidding per Public Contract Code, Informal Bidding and projects being procured pursuant to Education Code 17406 (LLB)

**What types of insurance are required? What are the minimum limits?**

Employer's liability, Commercial General Liability, Excess Liability, and Automotive (if applicable per project specifications). Minimum limits are in accordance with limits established by law, which are currently \$1M and \$2M aggregates

**Are there prevailing wages for your projects?**

Yes, requirements are per the California Department of Industrial Relations prevailing wage rate determinations in the prevailing wage scale established by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations. To learn more, please visit: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/PWD/index.htm>

**Are there labor compliance requirements or a PLA requirement?**

No, labor compliance nor PLA requirements as the projects are local bond funds and not state matched funds.

**Who can I call if I have questions?**

Please address all questions to District's Procurement Manager at [BBprojectinfo@smmusd.org](mailto:BBprojectinfo@smmusd.org).