

MIDLAND EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

INVITATION TO BID

M.Co.Net – Midland - Mt. Pleasant Backbone Fiber Network Construction

The Midland County Educational Service Agency (MCESA), Fiscal Agent for M.CO.Net, will accept sealed proposals at the MCESA, 3917 Jefferson Avenue, Midland, MI, 48640-3582, for the following Technology Project: M.Co.Net – Midland - Mt Pleasant Backbone Fiber Network Construction. This bid has three categories – Part I (M.Co.Net to Mt Pleasant); PART II (CMU to Midland); and Part III (West Midland Family Center). The RFP will be available from the District's Technology Designer beginning Monday, May 23, 2005, and will be distributed electronically. RFP's can be requested electronically from www.childs.com. Bid documents are also available by UPS or Federal Express, COD or Receiver Account number, and by pick up at the following address (Please call, fax, or e-mail to make arrangements.):

Childs Consulting Associates, Inc.
29516 Southfield Road, Suite 100
Southfield, MI 48076
<http://www.childs.com>

Telephone (248) 569-2355
Fax (248) 569-2232
Email: fpinfo@childs.com

The RFP states the requirements of a reviewable response. Among the requirements are: a compliance form and a base bid cost summary form. Faxed or e-mail proposals will NOT be accepted. All bidders must indicate compliance with a design and installation schedule based on the installation timeline provided in this RFP. All bidders must submit unit pricing for all components of the system and all integration and installation labor. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the **Midland County, 3917 Jefferson Avenue, Midland, Michigan, on June 8, 2005, at 1:00PM**. Site visits of the buildings involved in the project will be conducted after the pre-bid RFP review meeting.

Each bidder shall submit with his/her proposal either a bid bond or a certified check equal to five percent (5%) of the total base bid amount payable to the Midland County Educational Service Agency. Upon awarding of the work, the successful contractor(s) must obtain a Performance, Labor, and Materials Payment Bond for any project exceeding \$50,000. The PLM Bond shall be in an amount equal to the contract amount. The Bond shall be solely for the protection of the Midland County Educational Service Agency. A surety company authorized to do business in the State of Michigan shall execute the Performance and Payment Bond.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement (Public Act 232 form In RFP) disclosing any familial relationship existing between the owner or any employees of the bidder and any member of the school board, intermediate school board, or board of directors or the superintendent of the school district, intermediate superintendent of the intermediate school district, or chief executive officer of the public school academy. Any bids that do not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement shall not be accepted.

Midland County Educational Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Employer

NOTICE OF NON DISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the Midland County Educational Service Agency that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment.

The MCESA will receive sealed proposals for the above project at:

Midland County Educational Service Agency
3917 Jefferson Avenue
Midland, MI 48640-3582
Attention: April O'Keefe

Three (3) copies of a sealed bid, two electronic copies (on MS Excel and/or Word), bid bond/certified check and notarized familial relationship statement are required in the submission.

Mark the outer bid envelope: **M.CO.NET – MIDLAND - MT. PLEASANT BACKBONE FIBER NETWORK**

Bids are due June 29, 2005 at 1:00 PM (local time). No electronic bids (fax or email) will be accepted. The results will be publicly opened and read immediately following this time. The Midland County Educational Service Agency

reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any informality therein, or to award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, whichever is in the best interest of the Midland County Educational Service Agency.

Bids received after the stated due date and time will be returned to vendors unopened.

For downloadable response forms, please go to the web site of Childs Consulting Associates, the District's Technology Designer (www.childs.com/forms).