

SW Manager (Initial)



Notice of Intent to Award

Solicitation Number	GG000034	Award Date	5/29/2026 3:54 PM CDT
Solicitation Title	Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Replacement Correctional Facility (Design Build)		
Buyer Name	Brad Wall	Buyer Email	brad.wall@nashville.gov
BAO Rep	Sierra Washington	BAO Email	sierra.washington@nashville.gov

Awarded Supplier(s)

In reference to the above solicitation and contingent upon successful contract negotiation, it is the intent of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County to award to the following supplier(s):

Company Name (1)	Bell & Associates Construction, LLC
Company Name (2)	
Company Name (3)	
Company Name (4)	
Company Name (5)	
Company Name (6)	

Certificate of Insurance

The awarded supplier(s) must submit a certificate of insurance (COI) indicating all applicable coverage required by the referenced solicitation. The COI should be emailed to the referenced buyer no more than 15 days after the referenced award date.

Equal Business Opportunity Program

Where applicable, the awarded supplier(s) must submit a signed copy of the letter of intent to perform for any and all minority-owned (MBE) or woman-owned (WBE) subcontractors included in the solicitation response. The letter(s) should be emailed to the referenced business assistance office (BAO) rep no more than two business days after the referenced award date.

☒ Yes, the EBO Program is applicable. ☐ No, the EBO Program is not applicable.

Monthly Reporting

Where applicable, the awarded supplier(s) will be required monthly to submit evidence of participation and payment to all small (SBE), minority-owned (MBE), women-owned (WBE), LGBT-owned (LGBTBE), and service-disabled veteran owned (SDV) subcontractors. Sufficient evidence may include, but is not necessarily limited to copies of subcontracts, purchase orders, applications for payment, invoices, and cancelled checks.

Questions related to contract compliance may be directed to the referenced BAO rep.

☒ Yes, monthly reporting is applicable. ☐ No, monthly reporting is not applicable.

Public Information and Records Retention

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Right to Protest

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Michelle D. Hernandez Lane
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Interim Purchasing Agent & Chief Procurement Officer

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Sandra Walker



RFQ #GG000034 – Davidson County Sheriff’s Office (DCSO) Replacement Correctional Facility (Design Build)

Company Name	Qualifications and Experience (30 Points)	General Management Plan (30 Points)	Cost/Pricing Criteria (40 Points)	Total Points (100)
Bell & Associates Construction, LLC	29.00	30.00	40.00	99.00
JE Dunn Construction Company	25.00	18.00	39.24	82.24

Bell & Associates Construction, LLC	
Strengths	Weaknesses
• The offeror provides a sufficient approach to maintaining continuity of operations during construction on an active correctional campus and meets expectations in this regard. • Offeror’s description of their experience integrating modern building systems used in secure facilities (detention hardware, secure HVAC zones, structured cabling for monitoring, backup power systems, etc.) is sufficient and meets expectations in this regard. • Offeror demonstrates significant experience designing and constructing a large correctional facility on an existing operational campus and is above expectation in this regard. • Offeror demonstrates significant experience developing and implementing sustainable design and construction strategies leading to LEED certification and is above expectations in this regard. • The offeror provides several reference project examples which were of similar size and scope to what Metro is seeking in the resulting contract. • Offeror provides project examples to demonstrate their team’s experience designing and constructing facilities with advanced security requirements, such as controlled movement pathways, perimeter security, secure intake areas, and integrated surveillance systems and is above expectation in this regard. • Offeror provides past projects where the proposed team has worked together on successful projects and meets expectations in this regard. • Offeror provides a consultant list with two members experienced with DCSO systems and operations and is above expectation in this regard. • Offeror identifies a LEED™ Accredited Professional (LEED AP™) that has completed at least one (1) LEED Certified project and meets expectation in this regard. • The resumes for key team members are sufficient and meet expectations in this regard. • Offeror provides a detailed description of their approach to developing and managing a schedule for a project constructed on an active campus with limited site access and is above expectation in this regard. • Offeror provides a detailed logistics plan including controlled check points, along with a specific demographic to highlight items associated with the various components and phasing for the site logistics and is above expectation in this regard. • Offeror’s design approach for modern correctional facilities is sufficient and meets expectations in this regard. • Offeror’s description of their process and methodologies used for tracking and reporting design progress, pre-construction, construction progress, schedule, scope changes, and accounting information is sufficient and meets expectations in this regard. • The offeror provides a listing of personnel commitments during the next two (2) years and meets expectations in this regard. • Offeror provides a very detailed Gantt Chart, and the proposed schedule is aggressive which is above expectations in this regard. Given the housing replacement needs, the more aggressively the project schedule is the more beneficial to Metro/DCSO. • Offeror has an EMR rating that exceeds industry standards and is above expectations in this regard.	• Based on the proposed roles and estimated level of involvement for key personnel, the offerors’ proposal was light on design service participation for key personnel.

JE Dunn Construction Company	
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*Note: Hixson Consultants, Inc. was deemed non-responsive because their proposal was not minimally responsive to the requirements of the solicitation.

Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Replacement Correctional Facility; RFQ #GG000034			SBE/SDV Requirement	Total Cost Points
			17.00%	40.00
Offeror's Name			Bids	RFP Cost Points
Bell & Associates Construction, LLC			\$436,683,903.00	40.00
JE Dunn Construction Company			\$445,168,608.00	39.24



Statement of M/WBE Utilization

Proposer's/Firm's Name: BELL/Clark, A Joint Venture	Proposer's Phone #: 615.373.4343
Solicitation Title: Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Replacement Correctional Facility	Proposer's Email Address: jthayer@bellconstructioncompany.com
Solicitation #: RFQ: GG000034	Amount Self-performed : \$0
Proposer's/Firm's Ownership: Non-M/WBE	Total Bid Amount: \$21,460,000
Proposed EBO Goal (%): 4 MBE% 4 WBE%	EBO Goal Met? (Y/N) YES

The following MWBE* subcontractor(s)/supplier(s) will be utilized for the performance of this project:

			Certificate	* MBE/WBE	Code #	Description of Work	MBE/WBE Dollars (\$)	Percent of Total Contract
MBE/WBE Firm Name			Type (MBE or WBE)	Group Type *	UNSPS/NAICS			
1	Logan Patri Engineering, Inc.	630 C Southgate Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203	rpatri@loganpatriengineering.com	MBE	4	541330	Structural Engineering Services	700,000 3.26%
2	Epps Public Strategies	834 Chaney Woods Drive, La Vergne, TN 37026	mark@eppspublicstrategies.com	MBE	1	80000000/80101600/81101513/9314000	Business and Consulting Services	22,500 .10%
3	Meticulous Design Architecture	431 S. Main Street, Memphis, TN	317 926 1820	MBE	Select	54130, 541410	Architecture, Interiors, Construction Admin	800,000 3.73%
4				MBE	1			
5	DF&H Services, PLLC	PO Box 120371 Nashville, TN 37212	chris@dfhservices.com	WBE	Select	8110, 811016, 81101701	Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Engineering	875,000 4.08%
6	.			Select	Select			
7	.			Select	Select			

I am the duly authorized representative and certify the facts and representations contained in this form and supporting documents are true and correct.

Authorized Representative (Printed Name/Title) *Please ensure to save the document as a PDF and refrain from printing and signing it.* John Thayer, Executive Vice President	Date 04/14/2026
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*Note: MWBE is defined as business enterprise maintaining a significant business presence in the Program Area & performing a commercial useful function that is owned by one or more of the following: (1) African Americans (2) Native Americans, (3) Hispanic Americans, (4) Asian Americans, and (5) Women.

Has Prime Complied with EBO Goal? YES	For Internal Office Use ONLY	BAO Only
	If No, Good Faith Efforts Met?	

BAO Representative: Sierra Washington	Metro Buyer: Brad Wall	Project Manager:	Date: 05/12/26
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Total MBE Subcontracting	7.09 %	\$ 1522500
Total WBE Subcontracting	4.08 %	\$ 875000
Total MBE/WBE Participation:	11.17 %	\$ 2397500

BAO Notes:

BAO Small Business Assessment Sheet

BAO Specialist: Sierra Washington
Contract Specialist: Brad Wall
Date: 05/12/2026

Department Name: General Services
RFP/ITB Number: GG000034

Project Name: Davidson County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Replacement Correctional Facility (Design Build)						
Primary Contractor*	Primary Contractor Ownership	Prime Bid Amount	Total Proposed SBE/SDV (\$)	Acknowledged SBE/SDV Requirement	SBE/SDV Requirement (%)	Comments
BELL & Associates	N/A	\$ 21,460,000	\$ 2,375,000	Yes	17%	The Acknowledged 17% SBE/SDV requirement over life of the project. and consequences of misrepresentation. Proposed the use of Logan Patri Engineering, Meticulous Design Architecture and DF+H Services.



Notice of Rejection

Solicitation Number	GG000034	Date	4/30/2026 3:22 PM CDT
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The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County has determined the offer submitted by the following supplier is not minimally responsive to the requirements of the referenced solicitation:

Company Name	Hixson Consultants, Inc.	Company Contact		Ben Hixson	
Street Address	947 1st Ave W				
City	Alabaster	State	AL	Zipcode	35007
Reason	Offer does not meet the requirements of the solicitation and is unacceptable.				
Other/Notes	Specifically, the offeror failed to provide the required EBO program documents, a completed cost spreadsheet, and a proposal response for the general management plan section of the evaluation criteria				

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