



Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Kentucky International Convention Center

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Kentucky International Convention Center Project on Aggressive Schedule, Bid Package for Demolition Services Released Today *More contractor outreach meetings scheduled for June*

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (May 12, 2016) – The Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) and its construction manager, Hunt Abel Finch Construction, today announced the release of the first bid package request for proposal (RFP) for demolition services in the \$207 million KICC expansion/renovation project.

Responses are due at 2 p.m., June 9, 2016. Demolition work is currently scheduled to begin in August 2016.

The demolition bid package release follows the first contractor outreach informational meeting KICC and Hunt Construction hosted on May 9 where 230 people representing more than 100 companies attended.

“I think this is a great opportunity for minority-owned companies and women-owned companies inside and outside of Louisville to be a part of a project of this size,” said Anthony Leachman, CFO and interim CEO of the Kentucky State Fair Board. “We are going to break some of those larger bid packages into smaller contracts so more businesses have the opportunity to compete for this work.”

“This project is on an aggressive timeline, which means we have to get information out to area contractors quickly,” said Joe Eckhart, Hunt Construction project executive. “From our perspective, we were happy with attendance at this first outreach meeting. We shared a general overview of the project and, more specifically, the minority inclusion goals that have been set.”

Upcoming Contractor Outreach Meetings

The May 9 meeting was the first in a series of outreach efforts scheduled through June. These meetings are opportunities for all companies to learn how to bid on construction contracts with Hunt, especially the importance of majority contractors including minority and women-owned businesses as partners in bid packages.

Prime contractors, small, minority and women owned businesses are encouraged to attend. No registration is needed. Meetings are scheduled for:

- 2 to 4 p.m., June 1 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville. The meeting will be in the Cornet Room.
- 2 to 4 p.m., June 29 at the KICC in room 101 at the corner of Third and Jefferson Streets.

Currently there are 34 bid packages that cover a range of services from demolition to concrete, steel, mechanical systems, doors, windows and more. Current cost estimates of packages are from \$100,000 to \$24.7 million. Some bid packages may be segmented into smaller scopes of work.

“A lot of companies are trying to figure out strategic points where they can get into larger projects,” said Leachman. “Having outreach events allows small businesses to understand how the process works, how to get in, and how to be a part of it.”

The KICC will undergo a major transformation beginning in August that includes a minimum of 200,000 square feet of contiguous exhibit hall space, up from the existing 146,000 square feet, along with 10,000 additional square feet of ballroom space for a total of 40,000. Other improvements include fire, HVAC and other mechanical systems, communications equipment, exterior finishes and more.

After a competitive bid process in 2015, Hunt Abel Finch Construction was chosen as the construction manager that will oversee the entire two-year project. Hunt has developed the bid packages and will be responsible for hiring subcontractors for the work.

For online or in-person access to bid package documents, construction and contractor related questions, please contact Christian Pendleton at Hunt Construction at Christian.pendleton@aecom.com.

Downloadable bid documents are also online at Lynn Imaging and Builder’s Exchange Plan Room. Use the following links:

https://www.lynnimaging.com/distribution/View/ViewJobList.aspx?group_id=public_all

<http://www.bxkentucky.com/products-services/bid-opportunities/>

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Located in the heart of downtown, the [Kentucky International Convention Center](#) (KICC) draws 250,000 people to a wide variety of events each year. The facility is close to the entertainment and arena districts and connects to 2,300 hotel rooms. For more information, including updates on KICC’s upcoming expansion, visit www.kyconvention.org.

Two public parking garages are available to visitors: the KICC (Cowger) Garage at Fourth and Market Streets, and the KICC (Commonwealth) Garage on Jefferson Street between Third and Fourth Streets (next to the Hyatt Regency Hotel).