

NOTICE

Please be advised that, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 4b-91(a), contracts for construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling, repair or demolition of any public building or public works by a public agency paid for in whole or in part with state funds and estimated to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars shall be awarded to a bidder that is prequalified pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 4a-100 **after the public agency has invited such bids by notice posted on the State Contracting Portal ('Portal')**. The statutory definition of public buildings is broad and includes any building owned by a town or city. See Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 1-1 (The statute makes specific reference to a "schoolhouse" and "other building generally used for literary instruction.") The definition of "public agency" includes towns and cities, their departments, bureaus, boards, commissions, and school districts. See Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 1-200(1)(A). School construction projects receiving grant assistance from the state fall within the purview of Section 4b-91(a) when a contract is estimated to cost more than five hundred thousand dollars and must be awarded to a bidder that is prequalified pursuant to section 4a-100. The public agency, under these circumstances, shall invite bids for such contracts by posting notice on the Portal. In addition, Connecticut General Statutes 10-287(b) requires that the invitation to bid be advertised in a newspaper having circulation in the town in which the construction is to take place.

Information about the Portal may be found at <http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=12> . Should you have any questions concerning use of the Portal, call 860.713.5095 for technical assistance.

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