

**LEGAL NOTICE
BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Library Trustees of the Berkeley Public Library for the Utility Upgrades at the Berkeley Public Library, 1637 Taft Avenue, Berkeley, IL 60163. **Sealed bids will be received on or before 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026,** at the Administrative Office of the Berkeley Public Library, 1637 Taft Avenue, Berkeley, IL 60163. Bids received after that time will not be considered. All bids shall be submitted on or before the specified closing time in an opaque sealed envelope marked "Berkeley Public Library, Utility Upgrades, Bid Package # _____" on the outside.

The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Lower-Level Meeting Room of the Berkeley Public Library at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026. Bids shall be submitted in the form and manner contained in the Bidding Requirements.

Bid Documents will be available after 4:00 PM on May 5, 2026. Bidding Contractors may obtain electronic copies of the Bidding Documents at no cost from SMC Construction Services through the SMC Construction Services PROCORE Electronic plan room. Please contact Nicole Frohling at 847.622.1214 or via email at, nicolef@buildwithsmc.com to make arrangements to obtain a set of Bidding Documents. Hard copies of the documents will not be provided.

Pre-bid contractor walk-through meeting **will be held Thursday, May 14th at 1:00 pm** in Lower-Level Meeting Room in the library. Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is not mandatory however is the best opportunity to see non-public spaces if needed. The Library will be open for prospective bidders to tour, on their own, during normal hours of operation. All questions are to be directed to either Nicole Frohling or Jason Perunas at SMC Construction Services at nicolef@buildwithsmc.com or jasonp@buildwithsmc.com

The work consists of the following Bid Packages:

- BP-26A – Electrical Work
- BP-33A – Site Utilities and Plumbing Work

Each bid must be accompanied by a **bid bond or a cashier's check** in the amount of 10% of the total bid, made payable to Berkeley Public Library, as a guarantee that the successful bidder will promptly execute a satisfactory contract, will furnish a satisfactory performance bond and payment bond and proceed with the work. Upon failure to do so, the bidder shall forfeit the amount deposited as liquidated damages and no mistakes or errors on the part of the bidder shall excuse the bidder or entitle the bidder to a return of the aforementioned amount.

No bid will be considered unless the bidder shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board of Library Trustees that the bidder has the necessary facilities, abilities, experience, equipment, financial and physical resources available to fulfill the conditions of the Contract and execute the work, should the Contract be awarded such bidder.

Bidders will examine the Bid Documents, the existing conditions and location in which said work is to be done, and judge for themselves all the circumstances and surrounding conditions affecting the cost and nature of the work. All bids will be presumed to be based on such examination, familiarity, and judgment.

The successful bidder shall be required to provide a Performance Bond and a Material and Labor Payment Bond in the amount of 100% of the Contract Amount, as well as liability and property insurance as required within the Bidding Documents before commencing work. The successful bidder shall enter into a formal contract based on the conditions and requirements in the Bidding Documents which will be incorporated into the contract.

Not less than the prevailing wage shall be paid for labor on the work to be done as required by law.

The successful bidder will be required to comply with the provisions of all State of Illinois and federal laws concerning public works projects as well as the State of Illinois Human Rights Act and the regulations of the Illinois Human Rights Commission.

The Board of Library Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any technicalities and irregularities in the bidding and to hold the bid proposals for a period of ninety (90) days from the date of opening set forth above.

Questions about the Bid Documents should be submitted, in writing, to Nicole Frohling, SMC Construction Services at nicolef@buildwithsmc.com or via facsimile at: 847-622-1224.

By order of the Board of Library Trustees of the Berkeley Public Library, Cook, Illinois.

Dated at Berkeley, Illinois, this 5th day of May 2026.