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Last month during a virtual community event hosted by U.S. Congresswoman Joyce Beatty (OH-03), the winner representing Ohio's Third Congressional District for the 2021 Congressional Art Competition was revealed before friends and family on Zoom.

"I am excited to announce the 2021 Congressional Art Competition grand prize winner from Ohio's Third Congressional District, and I look forward to seeing the winning piece hang among all the art from every state in the United States Capitol," Beatty said. "I also want to congratulate the Competition's second, third, Links, and Viewers' Choice winners, as well as the many talented Central Ohio high school students who submitted artwork this year." She added, "Finally, I want to recognize the dedicated teachers, parents, and judges who make the Congressional Art Competition an unbelievable success year in and year out."

The 2021 Congressional Art Competition winners from Ohio's Third Congressional District are:

- 1st Place: Nysahna Keppler, Columbus Alternative High School, "Flower Girl"
- 2nd Place: Natalia Sandoval Castro, Franklin Heights High School, "Bright Eyes"
- 3rd Place: Claudio Estrada Martinez, Franklin Heights High School, "Fall into Yourself"
- Viewers' Choice Award (based on Facebook likes): Katie Kersell, Grove City High School, "Free as a Bird"
- The Links, Inc., Columbus Chapter Winner: Shelley Taylor, Franklin Heights High School, "Just Out of Reach"

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# publisher's note

## Happy Juneteenth!

By Ronda Watson Barber  
OhioMBE Publisher

Happy Juneteenth! How will you celebrate being FREE-ish? After all the celebrating and cookouts, what are you going to do to be FREE-er? Black people have been trying to be free since 1619. We have survived. We have thrived during unspeakable abuses. Our ancestors were resilient.



They had faith. They had love. They have cherished family. Many have fought for equity. Many fought to just make it through the day. Think of all our people have gone through to get us to where we are today. We owe them GREATNESS. We owe them Black Excellence. We have made it through slavery, Jim Crow, two civil rights movement in my lifetime. Black people in America have been trying to get OUR country to live up to its true promise. Black people matter.

What are you going to do to be FREE-er? How to we free our children from the bondage of violence and low achievement? Our children are screaming for attention. How do we stop the gun violence? How to we create safe spaces for children to grow, live and dream? How are we using our power to manifest change? Our votes are dollars have power. We must use this power to foster an environment for Black excellence to flourish. Many are jumping on the Buy Black movement. OhioMBE has been encouraging this mindset shift since our inception. I strongly believe that economic empowerment is a way to fight poverty and racism. Let's commit to supporting Black businesses and organizations. Let's commit to instilling pride in our community. Let's commit to protecting our children.

"What I love about Juneteenth is that even in that extended wait, we still find something to celebrate. Even though the story has never been tidy, and Black folks have had to march and fight for every inch of our freedom, our story is nonetheless one of progress." — Michelle Obama

Just my thoughts...rwb



*"Whether it's freedom to express, freedom to live, freedom to earn, freedom to thrive, freedom to learn, whatever it is, I want to make sure that I'm a part of these spaces and opening doors." — Angela Rye*

## ODI & APPS Job Readiness partner to provide summer youth opportunities

Greetings,

The steady stream of entrepreneurs like yourself is what helps keep our city's economy healthy and flourishing. With this understanding, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion has partnered with the City of Columbus' APPS Job Readiness Program to provide practical work experience, support services and career exploration. The overarching goals are to prepare young people to obtain, keep and excel at their current or future job opportunities. Additional knowledge gained and benefits from young people having summer jobs; increased understanding of financial responsibility, fundamental life skill development and additional supervision for working parents.

In partnership, our offices will work diligently with you, our local business owners to connect young people motivated to work with enriching learning opportunities. Also, we will assess their interest and skill sets to ensure that the placement is mutually beneficial for the young person and the business owner.

This will be an 8 week program. The program is strategically designed with an emphasis on training and mentorship for teens and young adult's ages 14-23 years old. Below are some of the benefits of the APPS Job Readiness Program:

- We pay for their salary and job readiness training. (No Cost to You)
- You can request young people that you know that are residents or pay Columbus taxes to work at your site.
- College access program that matches participant's \$500 savings with \$4000 for educational expenses, that's a 1:8 match.
- Job Coaches provide support at their work site 3-4 days a week to ensure their success.
- Many participants move on to become full-time employees with our partner businesses.
- Our young people were able to earn a total of \$464,000 to support their families in 2020
- You will be contributing to providing a safe and constructive environment for young people.

We are looking forward to discussing opportunities and answering any questions you may have about the APPS Job Readiness program. You can contact Mario T. Martin at 614-645-8430 or Catrena Cannon via email [CSCannon@columbus.gov](mailto:CSCannon@columbus.gov).

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## How to Build an Emergency Fund

Major economic downturns or natural disasters are obvious situations where an emergency fund can help your business survive. But there are smaller emergencies that can prove devastating, too. What would happen if you were injured or ill and couldn't work for months? What if your region or industry suffered an economic slump? How would you survive losing a key customer that accounts for half of your revenue?

Few entrepreneurs are prepared for an emergency. In a 2019 survey by the Federal Reserve Banks, two-thirds of businesses reported having financial challenges in the prior 12 months. When asked how they'd handle two months' loss of revenues, just 14% of businesses said they could rely on emergency funds. Nearly half would have to use the owners' personal funds, 37% would cut salaries, 33% would have to lay off employees, and 17% would go out of business.

Business interruption insurance, emergency loans or FEMA funds can help in many situations, but as COVID-19 has demonstrated, loans can be hard to come by, and insurance policies can take weeks or months to pay out. In the meantime, you need a way to keep your doors open and your employees paid. An emergency fund can help.

In this eGuide, we'll explain

- How much money to set aside for your emergency fund
- The best ways to build up a fund, even in tough times
- Where to put your emergency savings and how to manage it

Learn how to get started saving an emergency fund for your business so you're ready when the next crisis hits.

Download the eGuide here: <https://bit.ly/3wvoyoE>

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## Franklin County Engineer Upcoming 2021 Construction Projects

### Highway Projects

- Eureka Ave, Valley View Dr, Highland Ave, & Harper Ave, **Apr 2021**
- Ormond Ave Drainage Part II, **Apr 2021**

### Resurfacing Projects

- 50 E. Mound St Parking Lot, **Apr 2021**
- Franklin County Resurfacing Program, **May 2021**
- Township Resurfacing Program, **May 2021**
- Franklin County Maintenance & Safety Program, **May 2021**

### Drainage Projects

- Cook Tri-County Ditch **Oct 2021**
- Kropp Road Drainage Outlet Improvements **Dec 2021**
- 2022 Drainage Maintenance **Nov 2021**

### Bridge Projects

- Agler Rd over Alum Creek **Nov 2021**
- Borror Rd over Tributary of Strader Ditch, **May 2021**
- Hoover Rd over Tributary of Grant Run, **May 2021**
- Olentangy River Rd 11.40 & 11.62 Culverts, **Jun 2021**
- Schleppi Rd over Tributary of Rocky Fork Creek, **May 2021**
- 2022 Bridge Maintenance **Nov 2021**

For more information visit

[www.franklincountyengineer.org/future-projects/](http://www.franklincountyengineer.org/future-projects/)

<https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/28582/home?agency=true>



Cornell R. Robertson, P.E., P.S.  
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\*The dates listed above are projected dates to advertise\*



Columbus City Schools issues solicitations on a regular basis for goods & services related to food, construction, technology, curriculum, & transportation. Interested vendors should periodically

check our website at <http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/rfp>

## "Attention Certified MBE/WBE/DBE via DOT, SBA, or Other"

Kokosing is preparing bids for the Master Modernization & Rehabilitation Project Dock 24 & 26 project in Cleveland, Ohio which bids June 25, 2021. We are seeking quotes for any portion of the project listed that you are qualified to perform or provide supplies for which includes the following: **Demolition, Asphalt Milling, Railway Construction, CIP Concrete, Masonry, Metal Fabrications, Insulation, Joint Sealants, Painting/Coatings, Electrical, Instrumentation & Controls, Erosion/Sediment Control, Site Restoration, Asphalt/Concrete Paving, Pavement Markings, Maintenance of Traffic, Fencing, Diving, and Trucking.** Bidding documents can be examined online by emailing Sonja Nichols at [snichols@kokosing.biz](mailto:snichols@kokosing.biz) for the link. Please have your quote Todd Schurig by 12:00 PM June 24, 2021: e-mail [tas@kokosing.biz](mailto:tas@kokosing.biz) or Fax 614-212-5711.

"Kokosing is an equal opportunity employer."



## SEEKS LEDE VENDORS Local Economically Disadvantaged Enterprise

### How do I become a LEDE Vendor with Columbus City Schools?

You can obtain a LEDE Vendor Affidavit on the Columbus City School's Website or request one by contacting the Purchasing Department at (614) 365-5820

or

the Outreach Office at  
(614) 365-8732

You must also complete a CCS Vendor Application and provide all pertinent information for both applications. You will be issued a vendor number, which allows you to conduct business with the School District.



*I'd rather go down in history as one lone Negro who dared to tell the government that it had done a dastardly thing than to save my skin by taking back what I said.* - Ida B. Wells

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The Department of Development has contracting opportunities in the below areas. Please reach out for more information and bidding requirements.

## DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

- Graffiti Removal and Arborist Services. Contact Eric Voorhees (614-645-7934 or [eavorhees@columbus.gov](mailto:eavorhees@columbus.gov)).
- Grass Cutting and Solid Waste Removal. Contact Mike Schwab (614-645-7122 or [mfschwab@columbus.gov](mailto:mfschwab@columbus.gov)).
- Demolition and Asbestos Abatement. Contact Mike Farrenkopf (614- 679-5873 or [mifarrenkopf@columbus.gov](mailto:mifarrenkopf@columbus.gov)) or Seth Brehm (614-645-5659 or [swhbrehm@columbus.gov](mailto:swhbrehm@columbus.gov)).
- Property Maintenance and Miscellaneous Services in Contact Audrea Hickman (614-645-8907 or [aehickman@columbus.gov](mailto:aehickman@columbus.gov))
- Construction trades including: General Construction, Home Improvement, Electrical, HVAC, and Plumbing. Contact Tim Tilton (614- 724-3009 or [twilton@columbus.gov](mailto:twilton@columbus.gov)).
- Lead abatement. Contact Erica Hudson (614- 645-6739 or [ejhudson@columbus.gov](mailto:ejhudson@columbus.gov)).

To register for notifications on upcoming bid opportunities, please visit <http://vendors.columbus.gov/sites/public>.

Legal Notice:  
RFP 2021-005 Roof Replacement (Sugar Grove)



**COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

COMMUNITY. COMMITMENT. COLLABORATION.

The Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the procurement of Roof Replacement (Sugar Grove). The response deadline is Wednesday July 7, 2021 at 11:00am. A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Wednesday June 23, 2021 @ 11:00am and will be held onsite @ 530 S. State Street, Westerville Ohio, 43081 may be obtained by visiting our website, [www.cmhanet.com](http://www.cmhanet.com) or by contacting the Purchasing Department of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority at 880 E. 11th Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43211 or by calling 614-421-4434, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM, Monday – Friday.

Legal Notice:  
RFP 2021-006 Employee Benefits Consulting Services



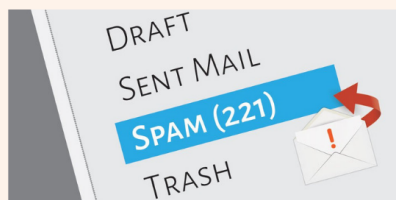
**COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

COMMUNITY. COMMITMENT. COLLABORATION.

The Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority is seeking Request for Proposal (RFP) for the procurement of Employee Benefits Consulting Services. The response deadline is Friday March July 9, 2021 @12:00pm. A pre-bid conference is scheduled for Monday June 21, 2021 @ 2:00pm and will be held on Zoom. The Zoom Meeting ID may be obtained by visiting our website, [www.cmhanet.com](http://www.cmhanet.com) or by contacting the Purchasing Department of the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority at 880 E. 11th Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43211 or by calling 614-421-4434, 8:00 AM–4:00 PM, Monday – Friday.

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Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) is seeking bids for service of process.

Interested bidders must register at <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/ohio/franklincountychildrenservices>. When registering select NIGP commodity code 96147.

All bid documents and instructions for submitting bids are available at the following website: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/ohio/franklincountychildrenservices>.

Interested parties are to post any questions to the site and FCCS will respond to all questions by posting an amendment or amendments to the bid documents.

Any updates or amendments to the bid documents will be posted on the website: <https://www.bidnetdirect.com/ohio/franklincountychildrenservices>.

Bids are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, June 28, 2021 and must be submitted electronically on BidNet Direct; Bids submitted to BidNet Direct after the closing date and time will be rejected. Bids submitted via email, UPS, Fedex or hand delivered will be rejected. Bid results will be posted on the BidNet Direct website.



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## LEGAL NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES

The Columbus City School District announces a Request for Qualifications for the following project:

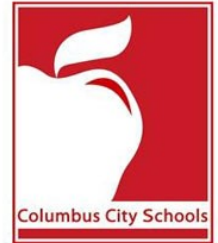
Renovation of HVAC Systems in “**Design-Build Delivery Model**”. The work will consist of one Design-Build contract consisting of **Phase 12 Contract** – 4 school facilities. The scope of work includes but is not limited to HVAC renovation with related electrical, plumbing, and architectural work required to complete the project. Criteria services for the project will be provided by Advanced Engineering Consultants, LLC.

A Virtual Informational Meeting covering the project will be held on Friday, June 11, 2021, at 1:00 PM at the following location: <https://ccsoh.us.zoom.us/j/88562638855?pwd=MHFWZy9FS2JqZHd0cUVxUj9La2JCdz09> To join by phone or app use the following: +1 646-558-8656 Meeting ID: 885 6263 8855 Passcode: 702788

Submittals will be evaluated pursuant to ORC Chapter 153, including relevant past work of prospective firm(s), professional and other applicable consultants, quality control, response to CCS Community Inclusion Policy (Local Economically Disadvantaged Enterprise goal is 20% participation), and location of primary firm relative to project location. More information can be found at <http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/rfp>

Responding firms are to submit one (1) electronic copy (in pdf format) of their qualifications on the OFCC F110-330 State-ment of Qualifications Form (most recent version can be downloaded at <http://ofcc.ohio.gov/Documents/Forms>) to Capital Improvements, Construction Contract Manager; Brandie Bronston Houpe at [bbronston@columbus.k12.oh.us](mailto:bbronston@columbus.k12.oh.us). Part 1 is limited to 30 pages. EDGE requirements do not apply to this RFQ. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, June 24, 2021, by 2:00 PM.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. **Prevailing wage Rates DO apply to this project.** Direct questions to Gregory Leitch at [gregoryl@aecmep.com](mailto:gregoryl@aecmep.com).



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**Reference Number:** RFQ 2021-03-21

**Title:** Construction Manager at Risk Services for the Franklin County Mental Health and Addiction Crisis Center

**Description:** The Board of Franklin County Commissioners (herein after the "County" or "Owner"), in cooperation with ADAMH, requests submissions from qualified firms to provide Construction Manager at Risk Services for this project as identified in this Request for Qualifications (RFQ). This project requires the provision of complete Construction Manager at Risk Services necessary for the construction of the Franklin County Mental Health and Addiction Crisis Center. Firms meeting the requirements described in this RFQ are encouraged to apply for consideration to provide services for this project. This request is intended to include all required Construction Manager at Risk firms.

**Pre-Submittal Meeting Date/Time:** June 30, 2021 at 9:00 AM

**Pre-Submittal Meeting Location:** [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameet-ing\\_MjRkZGUyNGEtMWM1Mi00NWYyLWIxMDctYjVjOWE0MjM3OGE3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2293c52ce1-0d75-4263-9ab9-9c287e289e18%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22363af1e6-13b6-4442-af27-65e361e1152f%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameet-ing_MjRkZGUyNGEtMWM1Mi00NWYyLWIxMDctYjVjOWE0MjM3OGE3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2293c52ce1-0d75-4263-9ab9-9c287e289e18%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22363af1e6-13b6-4442-af27-65e361e1152f%22%7d)

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**Call in (audio only)** 773-917-3504  
Phone Conference ID: 705 587 724#

**Opening Date/Time:** July 20, 2021 at 2:00 PM

**Opening Location:** [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameet-ing\\_ODFiZjNjODItNTMyZC00MWNkLk0MTQ0ZjcyNGQ1ZDRjZjd%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2293c52ce1-0d75-4263-9ab9-9c287e289e18%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227904ad4e-7c17-4c2b-9a04-1e2a783e2c79%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameet-ing_ODFiZjNjODItNTMyZC00MWNkLk0MTQ0ZjcyNGQ1ZDRjZjd%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2293c52ce1-0d75-4263-9ab9-9c287e289e18%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227904ad4e-7c17-4c2b-9a04-1e2a783e2c79%22%7d)

**Or call in (audio only)**

773-917-3504  
Phone Conference ID: 332 352 471#

**Obtain Documents Online At:** <https://purchasing.franklincountyohio.gov/> Subject: Construction Manager at Risk Services for the Franklin County Mental Health and Addiction Crisis Center  
Subject Bid Request RFQ 2021-03-21

**Submit Responses To:** Bids delivered in-person: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bidders will not be permitted to enter the Franklin County Office Tower in order to hand deliver their Bids/Proposals directly to the Purchasing Department on the 25th Floor. However, Bids & Proposals may be delivered in-person to a receptacle box located along the west wall of the Pavilion, 365 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215. The Pavilion is the main entrance to the Franklin County Court House complex. (See link) <https://facilities.franklincountyohio.gov/Facilities/Facilities/Pavilion>. The Franklin County Purchasing Department Dropbox is now located along the west wall after you walk through the Security Check Point (next to/near the art exhibit titled "TRASHASAURUS REX"). All visitors are required to pass through the Sheriff

Department Security Check Point (metal detectors) in order to access the new location for the Bid/Proposal Dropbox. There are multiple receptacle boxes in this area, so vendors should take care to deposit their Bid/Proposal in the correct mailbox labeled "Franklin County Purchasing Department". The receptacle box is very similar to a postal service mailbox found on street corners. It cannot accept large, rigid boxes/containers such as Fed Ex boxes, UPS boxes or other similar containers. Bids delivered in this manner must be in a sealed envelope (non-rigid) and be able to fit into the receptacle box opening.

**Conditions of Receipt:** All submittals must be received in accordance with the requirements set forth in the RFQ documentation. All submittals will be opened at the noted location

**All Questions Should Be Directed To:** All questions must be received in writing on or before July 9, 2021 at 12:00 PM EST and directed to

Public Facilities Management,  
Franklin County Office  
Tower, 373 S. High Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4592 or by email to [PFMConstructionquestions@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:PFMConstructionquestions@franklincountyohio.gov). Please reference the project number in the subject Line. (No phone calls please). Franklin County will respond to all questions on July 13, 2021.

**Additional Information:** Interested parties shall have the sole responsibility to monitor the Purchasing website <https://purchasing.franklincountyohio.gov/> to obtain any amendments and clarifications during the entire RFQ process, including dates/times, Q&A dates/times, and SOQ opening dates/times.

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Dawn Tyler Lee, Commissioner

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can do until he tries ~*

Carter G. Woodson



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**Reference Number:** RFP 2021-11-10

**Title:** Cooperative Home Repair Services

**Description:** The Board of Franklin County Commissioners, on behalf of the Franklin County Office on Aging, is seeking proposals for Cooperative Home Repair services.

**Pre-Proposal Teleconference Date/Time:** Two Pre-Proposal Teleconferences will take place: June 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and on June 17, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

**Proposal Opening Date/Time:** July 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m

**Opening Location:** Franklin County Ohio  
Purchasing Department

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 307.86, 307.87, 307.92, and applicable codes of the Ohio Revised Codes (O.R.C.), public no-

373 South High Street – Floor 25  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6315

Terms: Contract to be negotiated with selected vendor

Obtain Documents Online at: <https://bids.franklincountyohio.gov/>

**Obtain Documents By Emailing: Request To:**

[jlfair@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:jlfair@franklincountyohio.gov)

Subject: "Request # RFP 2020-11-10"

**Submit All Responses To:**

Franklin County Purchasing Department  
373 South High Street – Floor 25  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6315

**Conditions of Receipt:** All submittals must be received in accordance with the requirements set forth in the RFP documentation. All proposals will be opened at the noted location.

**All Questions Should Be Directed To:** Questions pertaining to this RFP must be submitted [jlfair@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:jlfair@franklincountyohio.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on June 24, 2021.

**Board of County Commissioners:**

Kevin L. Boyce, President

John O'Grady, Commissioner

## OCC Listing is FREE June 17-21

The 912 Group is pleased to announce the launch of [OhioContractorConnection.com](http://OhioContractorConnection.com). The website and mobile app is a collection of Ohio's top small businesses, resource service providers, and business news. There is a focus on construction contractors.

"A lot of people are looking to do business with Black-owned companies.

The [OhioContractorConnection.com](http://OhioContractorConnection.com) is a vehicle to do that," said The 912 Group owner, Ronda Watson Barber. "I am excited to again provide access to small businesses to contracting opportunities, particularly Black owned businesses."

OhioContractorConnection is available on GooglePlay. Small businesses are encouraged to list their businesses.



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# bid opportunities

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## FRANKLIN COUNTY NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 307.86, 307.87, 307.92, and applicable codes of the Ohio Revised Codes (O.R.C.), public notice is hereby given that submittals will be received by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, as indicated below: Additionally, public notice is posted online at <http://purchasing.franklincountyohio.gov/>.

### Reference Number:

ITB# 2021-03-09

**Title:** Franklin County Corrections Center Design Release # 4C.3 – Final Cleaning

**Description:** The Board of Commissioners, Franklin County, Ohio is seeking bids for Design Release #4C.3 for all labor and materials to construct the Franklin County Corrections Center following the specifications and procedures in the project manual.

Design Release # 4C.3 includes: Bid Package #01A Final Cleaning – 1st Floor and Bid Package #01B Final Cleaning – 2nd Floor.

Bid Packages will be reviewed individually and it is the intent of Franklin County to award one or more contracts under this ITB.

**Pre-Bid Conference Date/Time:** June 16, 2021 at 2:00 PM

**Pre-Bid Conference Location:** Interested parties are to dial +1 773-917-3504, and enter participant passcode 582 308 349# [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameet-ing\\_MGU1NWM1NmItMGYxZi00MDk1LThlOGEtOWQ0YTViMjRjNjg5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2293c52ce1-0d75-4263-9ab9-9c287e289e18%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22a9baa19f-7e77-40c9-993c-e2ec716ed121%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameet-ing_MGU1NWM1NmItMGYxZi00MDk1LThlOGEtOWQ0YTViMjRjNjg5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2293c52ce1-0d75-4263-9ab9-9c287e289e18%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22a9baa19f-7e77-40c9-993c-e2ec716ed121%22%7d)

**Opening Date/Time:** June 30, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Interested parties are to dial +1 773-917-3504, and enter participant passcode 229 491 66# [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameet-ing\\_ODU0MjVkJzAtOGY4NC00YjYwLTgyNDctZjY3MTFjMWI1YVVi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2293c52ce1-0d75-4263-9ab9-9c287e289e18%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227904ad4e-7c17-4c2b-9a04-1e2a783e2c79%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameet-ing_ODU0MjVkJzAtOGY4NC00YjYwLTgyNDctZjY3MTFjMWI1YVVi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2293c52ce1-0d75-4263-9ab9-9c287e289e18%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227904ad4e-7c17-4c2b-9a04-1e2a783e2c79%22%7d)

### Opening Location:

Franklin County Purchasing Department  
Franklin County Office Tower  
373 South High Street, 25th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6315

Bids delivered in-person: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Bidders will not be permitted to enter the Franklin County Office Tower in order to hand deliver their Bids/Proposals directly to the Purchasing Department on the 25th Floor. However, Bids & Proposals may be delivered in-person to a receptacle box located along the west wall of the Pavilion, 365 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215. The Pavilion is the main entrance to the Franklin County Court House complex. (See link) <https://facilities.franklincountyohio.gov/Facilities/Facilities/Pavilion>. The Franklin County Purchasing Department Dropbox is now located along the west wall after you walk through the Security Check Point (next to/near the art exhibit titled “TRASHASAURUS REX”). All visitors are required to pass through the Sheriff Department Security Check Point (metal detectors) in order to access the new location for the Bid/Proposal Dropbox. Vendors should take care to deposit their Bid/Proposal in the correct mailbox labeled “Franklin County Purchasing Department”. The receptacle box is very similar to a postal service mail box found on street corners. It cannot accept large, rigid boxes/containers such as Fed Ex boxes, UPS boxes or other similar containers. Bids delivered in this manner must be in a sealed envelope (non-rigid) and be able to fit into the receptacle box opening.

**Estimate:** \$228,116.00

**Time of Completion:** 117 Days

**Obtain Documents by Emailing Request to:** [www.keycompanies.com](http://www.keycompanies.com)

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ITB # 2021-03-09

Deposit of \$250.00 required

Deposit refundable upon return of clean set

**Hard Copy Plans Will Be on File For Viewing Purposes Only At:**

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Franklin County Office Tower  
373 South High Street, 2nd Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4592

Key Blue Prints, Inc.  
195 E Livingston Ave.,  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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1393 East Broad St., Suite 104  
Columbus, Ohio 43205

**Submit All Responses To:**

Franklin County Purchasing Department  
Franklin County Office Tower  
373 South High Street, 25th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6315

**Conditions of Receipt:** All submittals must be received in accordance with the requirements set forth in the bid documentation. All bids will be opened at the noted location

**All Questions Should Be Directed To:** All questions must be received in writing on or before June 21, 2021 at 2:00 PM. Direct in writing to Public Facilities Management, Franklin County Office Tower, 373 South High Street, 2nd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4592. Fax 614-525-3180, or e-mail at [PFMConstructionquestions@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:PFMConstructionquestions@franklincountyohio.gov).

Franklin County will respond to all questions by June 23, 2021.

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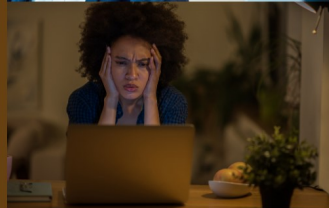


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Why do you offer free shipping?

Here are eight reasons business leaders advise you to offer free shipping

- Customers Value Free Shipping—free shipping can make the difference between gaining or losing a sale.
- Spending Minimums Increase Sales—One of the most effective marketing methods for an e-commerce site is to remind customers who are ready to check out that they could receive free shipping if they spend a little more to meet our free delivery minimum.
- Improve the Buying Experience—By offering no-hassle, 2-3 business day delivery times, we can take care of our customers and improve their buying experience.
- Keeping Up With the Times—With stay-at-home orders forcing most consumers to shop exclusively online rather than in-store, customer expectations of e-commerce sites over the past year have skyrocketed. Competing with Amazon will be e-commerce professionals’ biggest goal in 2021, with consumers looking for free overnight shipping and free returns from their online shopping platforms.
- Avoid Hidden Fees—We advertise our products with free shipping, which means there are no zip code calculations at the checkout. What we discovered is that we have a higher conversion rate because customers don’t have to spend time figuring out the hidden costs when researching products.
- Free Shipping Adds Incentive—Additional shipping costs could deter many customers if they didn’t calculate it into their budget when viewing your items online. Therefore, setting a minimum purchase amount that is not too high allows our customers to feel like they got the most bang for their buck .
- Provide a Hassle-Free Experience—When customers or patients see the value they get from our hassle-free mail-in service, they are much more inclined to appreciate the convenience and take action.
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Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 11:00am  
[OhioMBE Procurement Fair, hosted by Eldorado Scioto Downs](#)  
Columbus

Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 5:00pm  
[Juneteenth Community Festival](#)

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 9:00am  
[Cincinnati SCORE – Pricing Your Service Webinar](#)

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 11:30am  
[OBDC: Certification 101](#)

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 10:00am  
[OBDC – How to Write a Great Capability Statement](#)

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 10:00am  
[OBDC: Marketing to the Federal Government](#)



## June Training Schedule

- **Walk-in Certification Assistance - June 6 & 10 from 1 to 3 pm.** Got a question about your application and what documents to submit? Need assistance finding a certifying program. Drop-in and get your questions answered.
- **Certification 101 - June 15 & 22 @ 11:30 am.** Learn about the certification process, what documents to submit with your application and local certifying agencies.

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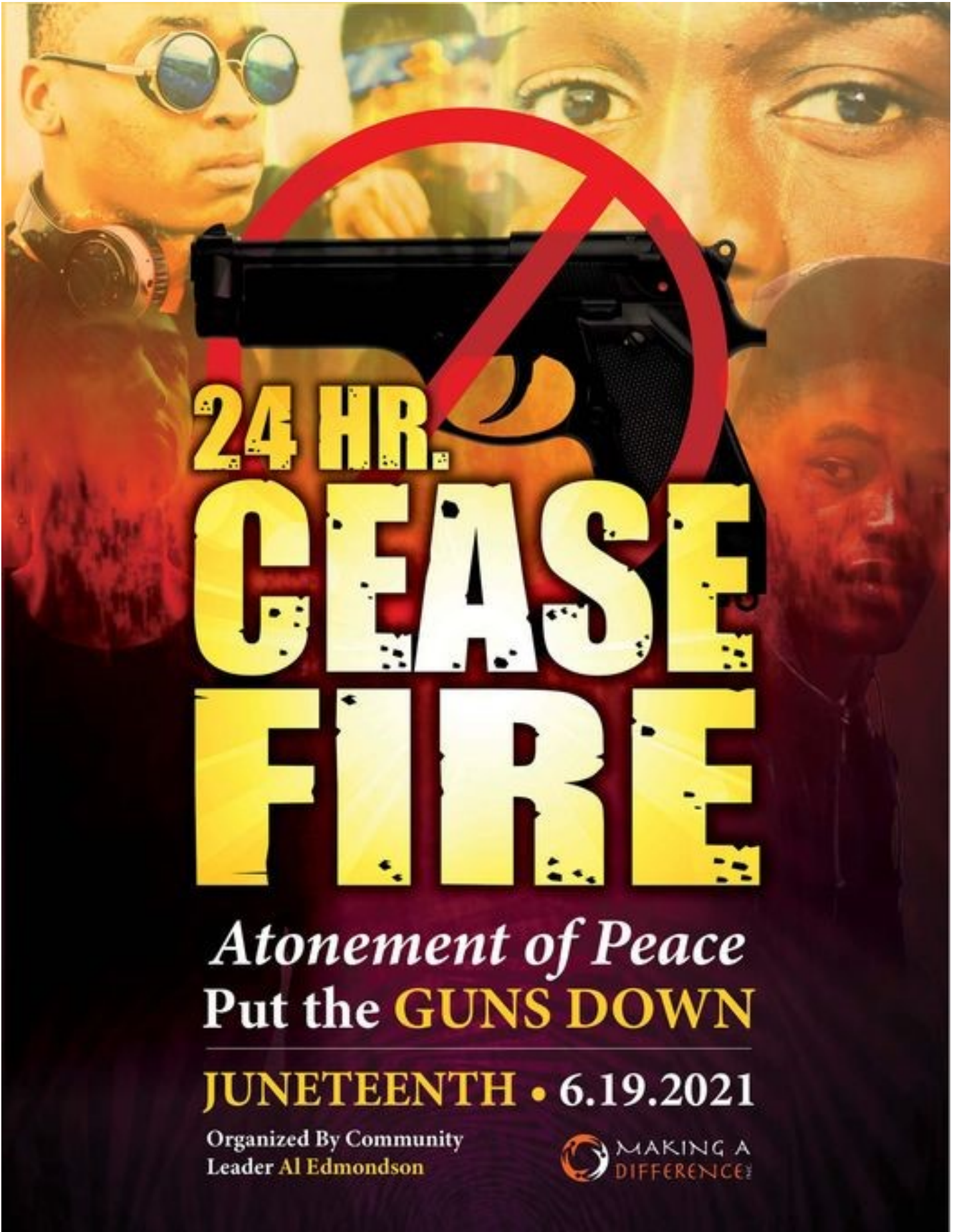
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