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2016 Bond moves forward with new website, design bids

EL PASO, TEXAS — El Paso Independent School District administrators took key steps this week in moving forward with the historic bond that will transform its schools into 21st century learning institutions.

The District this week posted its Requests for Qualifications bids seeking architectural and engineering design services for the major construction projects totaling approximately \$600 million. A similar bid requests for the resurfacing of athletics fields, playfield lighting, and playgrounds will be posted by the end of the week. Any interested vendors should follow District polices for bids posted on the Procurement Services page at episd.org

EPISD on Monday also unveiled a new Bond 2016 website which will become the hub of all public information for the bond and will provide up-to-date details on construction projects.

These key steps come less than 90 days after the passage of the bond.

“The District made a commitment to move forward with these projects in a timely manner and we are working hard to ensure that we are responsive to the public, student, teachers, and parents of EPISD,” said Carlos Gallinar, EPISD’s Executive Director for Planning and Innovative Schools Construction. “This is the first step in what we feel will be an unprecedented construction program in El Paso. We are confident that the impact these projects will have are going to make our District a premier district in the state.”

The Board of Trustees is expected to approve bids at its regular March 21 meeting and firms should begin design work by the end of April, pending final contract negotiations and approval.

Subsequent steps include the first meeting of the Citizens Bond Advisory Committee, or CBAC, on Feb. 16.

“The CBAC is another layer of accountability the public has to make sure that the projects outlined in the bond are completed successfully,” said Carmen Arrieta-Candelaria, EPISD’s Deputy Superintendent for Finance and Operations. “This Bond will have unprecedented levels of public input and transparency. That’s part of our commitment to the public.”

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