INVITATION TO BID. Multi-Purpose Stadium Authority of Lackawanna County invites Design Build Contractors to request bid documents for the Lackawanna County Stadium - New Playing Field. Project scope includes demolition of the existing playing field and providing a new natural turf professional quality baseball playing field including new drainage and irrigation systems. Sealed bids will be received by Ewing Cole at 100 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106 for the Multi-Purpose Stadium Authority of Lackawanna County until 4:00 pm on September 1. 2009. Each Bid shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Bid – Lackawanna County Stadium - New Playing Field" from: (name and address of Bidder). Bidding shall be on a lump sum basis and the proposal form provided must be used in bidding. The Bidders shall include the record of their experience in construction of at least five professional baseball field projects. the experience record of the designer in at least four sand based field systems, and the technical description of the work included that meets the minimum performance design requirements for the project. The Owner's Playing Field Consultant will be the sole judge concerning whether the experience and technical description meets the minimum requirements for the project. Meeting the minimum experience requirements of the builder and designer, and meeting the minimum technical requirements of the RFP, are pre-requisites to acceptance of the bid. Proposals judged not meeting the technical requirements will be disgualified. A public opening of the Bids will take place on September 2, 2009 at 10am at the Lackawanna County Stadium, 235 Montage Mountain Road, Moosic, PA 18507. The Bid Documents may be obtained by requesting same from James Kehler of Ewing Cole. A pre-bid meeting will be held at the site at 10:30 am on August 20, 2009 where the documents will be reviewed followed by a site visit by the Bidders to ascertain conditions of the site. The Authority intends to provide a notice of award by September 11, 2009. As a precondition regarding the award of a contract, the General Contractor shall negotiate a Project Labor Agreement with the Scranton Building and Construction Trades Council and/or its affiliated unions requiring, inter alia, that union tradesmen or qualified union applicants be employed by Design Builder on the project. Bidder, upon receiving written notice from Multi-Purpose Stadium Authority of Lackawanna County that it intends to accept such bidder's proposal, must within five (5) business days furnish to the owner a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond in the amount of (100%) of the contract price as security for performance of the contract and using the forms prescribed in the contract documents; must negotiate the Project Labor Agreements; must provide evidence of the specified insurance for the project; and must sign the AIA A141-2004 form of contract. The field work of this contract must be completed by October 24, 2009 and work may not begin on the site until after the playoffs are completed at the stadium or not later than September 21. 2009. Contractor is required to maintain the field to be game ready for April 1, 2010. All questions must be submitted in writing no later than 5 days prior to Bid Opening to James Kehler of EwingCole, 100 N. 6th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106 by either e-mail at ikehler@ewingcole.com or by fax 215-574-9163. Responses will be provided in Addenda to all bidders. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or an Approved Surety Company's Bid Bond in an amount of not less than 10% of Bid drawn in favor of Multi-Purpose Stadium Authority of Lackawanna County. If a contract is awarded, it will be to the lowest responsible qualified bidder. Multi-Purpose Stadium Authority of Lackawanna County reserves the right to reject any and all items or bids or portions thereof.