



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
219 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604**

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12th Floor Courtroom Benches Statement of Work

**Mandatory Job Walk
219 S. Dearborn Street
Room 1558
Thursday, April 30, 2009
12:00pm**

Background

There are four courtrooms located on the 12th Floor of the Dirksen Federal Courthouse. The courtrooms are approximately ten years old and have the same finishes. Each courtroom has eight gallery benches for the public seating. A number of benches have failed and have begun to crack and have stress failures. It has been determined that the failures are due to a design flaw with the intermediate back supports and the end panel supports.

Scope of Work

- The USDC has hired a contractor to design new back supports and end panel supports that will be suitable for the court's needs. The contractor has supplied shop drawings that shall be followed. Shop drawings will be distributed at the job walk.
- Contractor shall remove benches from courtroom and transport them to an offsite location to complete the work.
- Contractor shall fabricate end panels, and intermediate supports to match shop drawings and specifications provided.
- Contractor is responsible to re-install benches in a like new condition. Please note that the work does call for refinishing benches to match existing courtroom millwork. All benches must be refinished and all damage shall be repaired, including, but not limited to cracks, separations, failures, scratches, dents, and gouges.
- Benches will be reinstalled over new carpeting. Any changes in floor heights and modifications to the steel floor brackets shall be the responsibility of the contractor to take in account in their proposals.
- Courtroom must be left clean and free of any debris.
- Any damage in the courtroom must be documented by photograph prior to the start of work and identified to an USDC project manger or the contractor will be held liable.

Time Frame

- All on-site work must be completed off hours due to noise and scheduling issues.

- The contractor will have no more than 4 weeks after award to mobilize their manpower and order the product needed for this project.
- The contractor will have no more than 4 weeks in each courtroom to complete work, including removal, and re-installation.
- Contractor shall not have more than one courtroom out of service at a time.

Requirements

- Vendor must be experienced in courthouse millwork construction.
- Vendor must provide at least 3 references for projects of similar scope.
- Vendor must follow Architectural Woodworking Institute quality standards for fabrication, finishes, delivery and installation.
- All finishes must be approved by USDC for acceptance.
- All material, samples and finishes shall match existing room conditions.
- Vendor must provide a project manager assigned to this project to oversee all work.
- No flammable chemicals will be allowed on site.
- Vendor must offer a written ten year warranty on workmanship and materials.
- **Vendor must attend a mandatory walk through to review scope of work on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 12:00pm Central. Please meet in room 1558 of the Dirksen Courthouse, 219 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604**
- **Bids shall be delivered to: 219 S. Dearborn Street, Room 1558, Chicago, IL 60604. Bids will be due Thursday, May 14th at 3pm Central.**

Options

- Vendor shall provide two separate prices:
 - Base proposal to include all work minus the replacement of the top granite pieces on the end panels as shown in the shop drawings.
 - Option A: Line item to furnish and install top granite pieces on the end panels as shown in the shop drawings.