

## NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bids will be accepted by Los Angeles County Public Works, Project Management Division III, for the removal and replacement of discharge and sump pumps, electrical and structural upgrades, and the performance of other appurtenant work under Project ID No. FCC0001386, Boone Olive Pump Station Upgrade Project, in the City of Los Angeles.

Pursuant to State Public Contract Code section 3400, the Board of Supervisors made a finding that the engine controllers, annunciator panel, pressure transmitter, vacuum/pressure transmitter, temperature transmitter, and vertical main pump are designated by specific brand name to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.

The bids must be submitted on the proposal forms included in the bidder's package of the contract documents. The contract documents for this project may be downloaded free of charge by visiting the Los Angeles County Public Works Business Opportunities website:

<http://pw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities>

The bids must be submitted electronically using Bid Express, [www.BidExpress.com](http://www.BidExpress.com), before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, and no bids may be submitted after that date and time. Registration instructions and the fee schedule for Bid Express are included in the Instructions to Bidders. **Paper bids will not be accepted.** The bids will be opened through a webcast immediately after the specified closing time. Bidders may participate in the public bid opening by visiting the Los Angeles County Public Works Business Opportunities website, selecting the project and clicking on the Microsoft Teams Online Bid Opening Webcast.

The work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at Public Works. The work is estimated to cost between \$4,500,000 and \$6,750,000 and shall be completed in 110 working days. The prime contractor shall possess a valid California Class A contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications shall be submitted via email only to: Mr. Cody Duncan at [cduncan@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:cduncan@pw.lacounty.gov). **Prebid questions will not be accepted after 5 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.**

**Prebid meetings for this project will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, and at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at the project site. The pump station is located in the alley behind 581 West Washington Boulevard, Venice, California 90291 (33°59'04.1"N 118°27'33.1"W). Attendance at one of these meetings is mandatory for award of the Contract. All participants must wear appropriate personal protective**

**equipment while at the project site. All participants must provide their own safety harnesses to enter the sump pits.**

Each bid must be accompanied by a surety bond payable to County of Los Angeles in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the bid to guarantee that the bidder will enter into the contract if it is so awarded.

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code Section 1771.1 (a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

All persons performing the work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination prepared by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the State Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at Public Works.

The successful bidder must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, and civil/criminal legal actions as provided in the Instructions to Bidders. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The contract, if awarded, will be awarded to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible contractor is one who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The County maintains the Contractor Alert Reporting Database (CARD), which is used to track/monitor poorly performing contractors. When a County department identifies a significant performance/non-compliance issue(s) with a contractor, the department will provide notice to the contractor and will give the contractor an opportunity to correct the issue(s). If the contractor does not take any appropriate steps to correct the issue(s), the County department will enter the contractor, along with any other relevant information pertaining to the contractor's performance issue(s), into CARD.

The information entered into CARD can be accessed by all County departments, and will be used, along with any other relevant information not included in CARD, in determining bidder responsibility. If a department reviews this information and determines that a finding of non-responsibility should be pursued, the department will adhere to the guidelines specified in the Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202 and the County's Implementation Procedures for Determinations of Contractor Non-Responsibility and Contractor Debarment.

The County encourages the participation of Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the project and has established a goal of twenty-five percent CBE participation which all bidders shall aspire to meet. Bidders shall document their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs in accordance with the Special Provisions.

The Contractor Development and Bonding Program (CDABP) is administered by the Chief Executive Office of the County of Los Angeles for all County Construction Contracting Departments. The CDABP provides a broad range of contractor technical assistance, training, and support in qualifying for bonds, as well as contract financing for County awarded contracts. The CDABP assistance is available to you prime and subcontractors. The CDABP is a County funded resource designed to reduce the barriers to small and diverse firms seeking to bid and contract on County projects. Additional information on the CDABP is included in the Special Provisions.

The successful bidder will be required to fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees and comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance throughout the duration of the contract. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of the contract or initiation of debarment proceedings.

The contract is subject to the requirements of the County of Los Angeles' Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program (Defaulted Tax Program), Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206. Bidders should carefully read the Defaulted Tax Program. The Defaulted Tax Program applies to both contractors and their subcontractors.

Bidders will be required to certify that they are in full compliance with the provisions of the Defaulted Tax Program and shall maintain compliance during the term of the contract, or shall certify that they are exempt from the Defaulted Tax Program by completing a certification of compliance with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program. In accordance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202, failure to maintain compliance with the Defaulted Tax Program or to cure defects within the time specified may be cause for termination of the contract and/or initiation of debarment proceedings against the noncompliant contractor.

Bids that fail to comply with the certification requirements of the Defaulted Tax Program will be considered nonresponsive and excluded from further consideration.

The successful bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, and liability and workers' compensation insurance with the contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the State Public Contract Code, the contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by Public Works to ensure performance under the contract, or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5:30 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated January 9, 2024.

Celia Zavala  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors

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