

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals will be received at:

<https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/36473/home>

and at the Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, Office of the Design Engineer, Seventh Floor, Fresno County Plaza Building, 2220 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721 until

**2:00 P.M., (1400 hours and 00 seconds)
Thursday, April 27, 2023**

at which time the bidding will be closed.

If a bidder is unable to submit online, please mail bid or e-mail to: DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov or call (559) 600-4241 in advance, so that arrangements may be made to hand deliver your bid.

Promptly following the closing of the bidding, all timely submitted bids will be publicly opened and viewable via a livestream (the link for which will be posted at: <http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/planholders>), for construction in accordance with the project specifications therefor, to which special reference is made as follows:

ELKHORN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SITE DEMOLITION AND DEBRIS REMOVAL

500 E. Elkhorn Ave.
Caruthers, CA 93609

Contract No. 22-S-01

The work to be done consists of, in general, of demolition of wood-framed structures with metal or fiberglass exterior walls and roofs, concrete foundation and slabs, light poles; removal of chain link fence, tube steel guard rails; sewer lift station; removal and disposal of trash and debris; spreading and scarifying soils, removing/scarifying soil/cement liner from existing treatment ponds, destructing 2 wells, and backfilling to grade level with native soil.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. A discussion of the project will be held and the project sites will be open for examination. Contractors should meet at 500 E. Elkhorn Ave. Caruthers, CA 93609. Attendance at the pre-bid is not mandatory; however, the scheduled pre-bid will be the only opportunity for prospective bidders to visit the site in the presence of County staff, and requests for individual site visits with County staff will not be granted.

The County of Fresno is committed to increasing the availability of employment and training opportunities, and requires that the Contractor and each subcontractor employed on this Project shall use their best efforts to ensure that thirty-three percent (33%) of apprentice hours are performed by qualified

participants in state approved apprenticeship programs who also are current or former “Welfare-to-Work” participants in the CalWORKs program. Attention is directed to “Apprentices” in Section 2.55 of the General Conditions.

Incentives whereby the Contractor or subcontractor receives partial reimbursement for the wages paid to apprentices who qualify may be available. The incentive program is administered by the County of Fresno, Department of Social Services through a contract with the Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission. For questions regarding the incentive program, contact the Valley Apprenticeship Connections at (559) 263-1110 or visit their website at: <https://fresnoec.org/valley-apprenticeship-connections>.

Bidders may fill out a Request to be Added to Planholders list:

<https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-works-planning/divisions-of-public-works-and-planning/design-division/planholders-list-request-to-be-added>

Requesters will then be listed as a planholder for the project on the website and receive notifications and addenda issued for the project.

Prospective bidders may also select the project on www.BidExpress.com. Those that demonstrate interest in the project will be added to the planholders list, and receive notifications and addenda issued for the project.

Known Planholders and exchange/publication names may be obtained from the Fresno County website at <http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/planholders>.

Electronic copies (in “.pdf” file format) of the official project plans and specifications and such additional supplemental project information as may be provided, are available to view, download, and print at <http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/planholders>.

Electronic versions of the bid documents are available online at: <https://www.bidexpress.com/businesses/36473/home> and bids may be submitted electronically through that website.

If a bidder is unable to submit a bid via Bid Express, Bid Books, which contain bid proposal sheets necessary to submit a bid, may be obtained within the Project Manual/specification documents posted on the Fresno County website and bids shall be submitted in a sealed, opaque envelope addressed to the Department and labeled with the name of the bidder, the name of the project, the contract number, and the statement “Do Not Open Until The Time Of Bid Opening.”

A Summary of Bids and a list of subcontractors for the apparent low bidder will be posted at the above listed website, generally within 24 hours of the Bid Opening.

All questions regarding this project shall be in writing and shall be received by the Department of Public Works and Planning, Design Division, no later than 2:00 P.M. on the tenth (10th) calendar day prior to bid opening. All substitution requests and questions received after this deadline will not receive a response unless the Department of Public Works and Planning elects to issue an addendum to revise the bid opening date. In the event that the bid opening date is revised, the deadline for questions will be extended to no later than 2:00 P.M. on the tenth (10th) calendar day before the revised bid opening date. Questions shall be submitted on the “Request for Clarification” form provided on the project website at:

<http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-works-and-planning/construction-bidding-opportunities/22-s-01-elkhorn-correctional-facility-demolition-and-debris-removal/request-for-clarification-form>

Any changes to, or clarification of, the Contract documents and specifications, including approved substitutions, shall be in the form of a written addendum issued to planholders of record. Questions that prompt a change or clarification shall be included in the addendum with the subsequent answer.

Any oral explanation or interpretations provided with regard to this project are not binding.

Bid security in the amount of ten (10) percent of the amount of the bid, and in the form of a bid bond issued by an admitted surety insurer licensed by the California Department of Insurance, cash, cashier's check or certified check shall accompany the bid. Bid security shall be made in favor of the County of Fresno.

Hardcopy bid bonds shall be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the Department and labeled with the name of the bidder, the name of the project and the statement "Do Not Open Until The Time Of Bid Opening – BID BOND".

No contract will be awarded to a contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with the provisions of the Contractors State License Law, California Business and Professions Code, Division 3, Chapter 9, as amended, or whose bid is not on the proposal form included in the contract document. A valid California Contractor's License, **Class A, General Engineering Contractor** is required for this project.

The Contractor and their subcontractors shall comply with all applicable statutes and regulations, and all provisions of Sections 2.51, 2.52 and 2.55 of the General Conditions, regarding payment of wages, hours of work and all other labor compliance issues.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at County of Fresno, Department of Public Works and Planning, 2220 Tulare Street, Sixth Floor, Fresno CA 93721-2104 and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD>. Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project 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 unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein. Bids will be compared on the basis of the total lump sum bid.

In addition to the bid bond required by law of all bidders on public works projects, the successful bidder shall furnish a faithful performance bond, a payment bond and a warranty bond in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.36 of the General Conditions.

The successful bidder shall furnish a faithful performance bond in the amount of 100 percent of the contract amount and a payment bond in the amount of 100 percent of the contract amount. Each bond specified in this Notice (bid bond, faithful performance bond and payment bond) shall meet the requirements of all applicable statutes, including but not limited to those specified in Public Contract Code section 20129 and Civil Code section 3248.

Each bond specified in this Notice shall be issued by a surety company designated as an admitted surety insurer in good standing with and authorized to transact business in this state by the California Department of Insurance, and acceptable to the County of Fresno. Bidders are cautioned that representations made by surety companies will be verified with the California Department of Insurance. Additionally, the County of Fresno, in its discretion, when determining the sufficiency of a proposed surety company, may require the surety company to provide additional information supported by documentation. The County generally requires such information and documentation whenever the proposed surety company has either a Best's Key Rating Guide of less than **A** and a financial size designation of less than **VIII**. Provided, however, that the County expressly reserves its right to require all information and documentation to which the County is legally entitled from any proposed surety company.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, substitution of securities for any moneys withheld by the County of Fresno to ensure performance under the contract shall be permitted.

The Department of Public Works and Planning reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The Department of Public Works and Planning, County of Fresno

Paul Nerland County Administrative Officer

Bernice E. Seidel, Clerk to the Board

Issue Date: March 28, 2023