

COUNTY OF FRESNO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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 (Department), 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 11, 2024**

If you have any questions about bid submission, please contact us at DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov or calling (559) 353-4919 or (559) 600-4543.

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.fresnocountyca.gov/planholders>) for construction in accordance with the project specifications therefor, to which special reference is made as follows:

ARPA WATER METER REPLACEMENTS

CONTRACT NUMBER 23-26-C

The work to be done consists, in general, of inventorying approximately 3,200 water meters in various locations of the County, replacing and programming County furnished meter encoders as necessary, installing and programming County furnished endpoints, replacing water meter box lids, replacing meter bodies with associated plumbing in one District, and any other appurtenant work as specified in the project specifications.

This project is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

This project is subject to the federal suspension and debarment requirements (2 CFR, part 180). No contract shall be awarded to a contractor who has been debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs or activities. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR, part 200) also apply to this project. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) requirements and Federal wage determinations do not apply. Attention is directed to the provisions in the "Federal Requirements" section of these specifications.

This project is subject to the contracting requirements and implementing regulations as amended in Title 13, Section 2449 General Requirements for In-Use Off-Road

Diesel-Fueled Fleets, of the California Code of Regulations (13 CCR § 2449(i)). Bidders and their listed subcontractors must submit valid Certificates of Reported Compliance (CRCs) issued by the California Air Resources Control Board and any supporting documentation within five (5) calendar days of bid opening. Failure to submit the required CRCs may render a bid nonresponsive.

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

<https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/Departments/Public-Works-and-Planning/Construction-Bidding-Opportunities/Request-to-Be-Added-to-the-Planholders-List-Form>

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.

Planholder and exchange/publication names may be obtained from the Fresno County website at <http://www.fresnocountyca.gov/planholders>.

Electronic copies, in “.pdf” file format, of the official project specifications, bid books and proposal sheets, and such additional supplemental project information as may be provided, are available to view, download, and print at <http://www.fresnocountyca.gov/planholders>.

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 Specifications documents posted on the Fresno County website.

Electronic bids shall be submitted via the BidExpress website. Hardcopy bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the Department and labeled with the name of the bidder, contract number, name of the project, and the statement “Do Not Open Until The Time Of Bid Opening.”

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. You must either attach an electronic bid bond or provide an original bid bond (or other form of bid security authorized by Public Contract Code Section 20129(a)), prior to the bid opening. 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”

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 seventh (7th) calendar day before bid opening. Any 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 seventh (7th) calendar day before the revised bid opening date. Questions shall be submitted on the "Request for Clarification Form" provided on our website:

<http://www.fresnocountyca.gov/Departments/Public-Works-and-Planning/Construction-Bidding-Opportunities/23-26-C-Water-Meter-Replacements/Request-for-Clarification-Form>

Any changes to, or clarification of, the project plans and specifications 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 given to this project are not binding.

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), C-34 (Pipeline Contractor), or C-36 (Plumbing Contractor)**, is required for this project.

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, including a bid for the base bid and a bid for each of the additive bids. The total amount of the base bid and additive bid is the cumulative sum of the bid amounts listed for the individual line items. Bids will be compared, for purposes of identifying the apparent low bidder for proposed award of the project, on the basis of the total of the base bid plus the total of all additive bids; provided however, that the ultimate scope of the project, as subsequently determined by the Board of Supervisors at the time of award, may or may not include all or any of the additive bids.

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 Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Board of Supervisors, County of Fresno

Paul Nerland, County Administrative Officer

Bernice E. Seidel, Clerk of the Board

Issue Date: March 5, 2024