

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, August 13, 2020**

at which time the bidding will be closed.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, the Department's bid reception desk is closed and all bidders are encouraged submit bids online through Bid Express.

If a bidder is unable to submit online, please mail bid or e-mail DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov or call (559) 600-9908 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:

**ROAD MAINTENANCE REHABILITATION ACCOUNT (SB-1)
ASHPALT CONCRETE OVERLAYS**

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN FRESNO COUNTY

CONTRACT NUMBER 20-07-C

The work to be done consists, in general, of of furnishing and placing hot mix asphalt (HMA) type A overlay on various existing roads in Fresno County. The base bid will require the placement of hot mix asphalt overlay over approximately 5.4 miles of roadway. An additional 2.0 miles of roads are included as additive bids.

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, 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.'

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

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.

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 7 of these special provisions.

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 Valley Apprenticeship Connections at (559) 263-1110 or visit their website at: <https://fresnoeoc.org/valley-apprenticeship-connections>.

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 prior to bid opening. All 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 "CONTRACTOR REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION" form provided on the project website at: <http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/departments/public-works-and-planning/contractor-bids-plan-holders-electronic-plans-bid-results/20-07-c-rmra-sb-1-asphalt-concrete-overlays>

Any changes to, or clarification of, the project 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.

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. 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, in accordance with the detailed directions set forth in the Instructions to Bidders.

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) or C-12 (Earthwork and Paving)**, is required for this project.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county 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 website 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 shall be subject to monitoring and enforcement by the County of Fresno and the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), including the obligation to submit certified payroll records to the County of Fresno and directly to the DIR Compliance Monitoring Unit (CMU) at least monthly using the CMU's eCPR system. Detailed information may be obtained on the State of California's Department of Industrial Relations website, <http://www.dir.ca.gov/publicworks/publicworks.html>.

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

Jean Rousseau, County Administrative Officer

Bernice E. Seidel, Clerk to the Board

Issue Date: July 14, 2020