

Pre-Bid Conference Agenda

September 20, 2023 at 10:00am PT

Attendance at this meeting is not mandatory to bid.

Location:

Community Park in CSA 30 near the intersection of Juarez Ave and El Progreso Ave. Parking is along the street.

Coordinates: 36°30'08.9"N 120°23'23.4"W

Meeting will continue to CSA 32 if needed, along Clarkson Ave, 500 feet west of Clarkson and Terrado intersection.

Coordinates: 36°30'05.0"N 120°19'47.0"W

Project Information:

Contract: 23-13-C County Service Areas 30 and 32 Well Site Improvements and Manganese Treatment

Project website: <https://www.fresnocountyca.gov/Departments/Public-Works-and-Planning/Construction-Bidding-Opportunities>

Estimate Range: \$5,200,000 to \$5,800,000

Currently Bid Opening is Scheduled for: November 2, at 2:00 PM

All questions regarding this project shall be received by the County no later than 2:00 p.m. on the seventh (7th) calendar day before bid opening. Use the Request for Clarifications Form on the project website. Responses will be posted on the website under "Request for Clarification Responses."

Agenda

1. Introductions / Sign In
 - a. Staff - Public Works & Planning
 - b. Consultants
 - c. Other County Staff
 - d. Contractors – Please state name, position, and firm
2. Description of the project as in the Notice to Bidders

The project consists of, in general, furnishing all labor, materials and equipment necessary to construct well site improvements at two communities within Fresno County. The work at each location will consist of the demolition of existing facilities, site grading, furnishing and installation of booster pumps, manganese treatment facilities, hydropneumatic tanks, site electrical facilities and incidentals to complete the work described in the Plans and the Specifications.

3. Submission of Bids and Bid Bonds/Bid Express

- a. Bid Openings are now conducted over Zoom with bids submitted via Bid Express. Contractors are encouraged to set up their FREE Bid Express accounts in advance. Bids can be saved, withdrawn and updated up until the time of the bid opening so we encourage bidders to try out the software in advance and call (559) 600-4241 or (559) 600-4543, or email DesignServices@fresnocountyca.gov if there are any questions about how the bidding software works.
- b. For any hardcopies, bid bonds or hardcopy bids, please let us know your plans to ensure we receive any physically delivered paperwork.

4. Good Faith Effort

- a. Funding for this project has been provided in full or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).
- b. Bidders are advised that their Good Faith Effort implementation, as described pursuant to the Guidelines for Meeting the California State Revolving Fund (CASRF) Programs Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Requirements (Proposal 14 of the Bid Book), will be evaluated to determine bidder responsiveness, regardless of whether fair share objectives have been met.
- c. Meeting or exceeding the objectives will not be considered evidence of adequate Good Faith Efforts. Emphasis is placed on the need for contractors to post solicitations for bids or proposals for a minimum of 30 calendar days before the bid opening date. Failure to comply with the Good Faith Efforts requirements will be considered non-responsive.

5. State/Federal Requirements (contractors should read them carefully)

- a. American Iron and Steel Provisions - This project is subject to the "American Iron and Steel" provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act Of 2014. Unless a predominantly iron or steel product qualifies for an exemption, as listed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, all manufactured iron and steel products must be certified as produced within the United States.

- b. Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements – <https://sam.gov/content/home>
- 6. Award Period – The County will need to submit the lowest bidder package to the State Water Board for final approval of funding, which means the typical award period of 54 days is extended to 180 days. It's unknown how long it will take to get the State's approval.
- 7. Discussion of Project – Richard Singleton
- 8. Questions
- 9. Conclusion and sign in for late arrivals

Oral explanations or interpretations of plans and specifications are not binding. Any explanation, interpretation or clarification of plans and specifications will be in the form of a written addendum to the plans and specifications issued to the planholders of record.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to ask any questions they might have regarding this project. No allowance will be made after the bids have been received for any errors or omissions due to any misconceptions made by the Contractor.

Directions and Maps

