September 1, 2015

Ref: Contract No. 15020

Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

CONTRACT NO. 15020 PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CLASS I BIKE PATH ON COLLEGE HEIGHTS BOULEVARD (S.D. #1)
(Fiscal Impact: $607,200; Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program Funds; Road Fund; Budgeted; Discretionary)

Attached is the Notice to Contractors and location map for the subject project. Sufficient funds have been budgeted for this project.

The work to be performed consists, in general, of constructing a Class I path along the east side of College Heights Boulevard from Dolphin Avenue south to the Cerro Coso Community College property line.

Plans and Specifications are on file at the Clerk of the Board’s office.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board make a finding that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, per Section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines; approve the plans and specifications; authorize Chairman to sign the plans; and authorize the Public Works Department to publish the Notice to Contractors in a newspaper of general circulation, pursuant to Section 20392 of Public Contract Code. Bid opening date is to be Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 11 A.M., at 2700 "M" Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

Sincerely,

Craig M. Pope
Director
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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Sealed proposals for construction on a highway in accordance with the plans and special provisions therefor to which special reference is made as follows: FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CLASS I BIKE PATH ON COLLEGE HEIGHTS BOULEVARD FROM DOLPHIN AVENUE TO CERRO COSO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, will be received until 11:00 a.m. on September 30, 2015, at the following locations:

1. Delivered in person or by courier service to the Kern County Public Works Department, Plans and Specifications Counter, 4th Floor, Public Services Building, 2700 “M” Street, Bakersfield, California. From 10:45 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on the above specified bid opening date, proposals will also be accepted in the first floor conference room of said Public Services Building.
2. Mailed via United States Postal Service to Kern County Public Works Department, 2700 “M” Street, Suite 400, Bakersfield, California, 93301.

after which time they will be publicly opened and read on that date in the first floor conference room of said Public Services Building.

No bid will be considered unless it is made on a blank form furnished by the Department and accompanied by bidder's security in an amount equal to 10 percent (10%) of the amount bid in accordance with the provisions set forth under Section 2, “Proposal Requirements and Conditions,” of the Standard Specifications of the State of California Department of Transportation, dated May, 2006, as modified by the special provisions. Plans, specifications, and standard Bid Proposal form to be used for bidding on this project may be obtained at the Kern County Public Works Department, Plans and Specifications Counter, 4th Floor, Public Services Building, 2700 “M” Street, Bakersfield, California.


The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The contract will be awarded by the Board of Supervisors after a complete contract is prepared to the lowest responsible bidder whose proposal complies with all of the requirements prescribed. The successful bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the contract price and on the form approved by the Kern County Counsel. Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, the substitution of securities for money withheld by Kern County to ensure performance of the contract will be permitted. All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package and the contract must be scannable and photocopiablable.

Each bidder must be licensed as required by law at the time the contract is awarded. Failure of the bidder to obtain proper and adequate licensing for an award of a contract shall constitute a failure to execute the contract and shall result in the forfeiture of the security of the bidder. The contractor license classification required for this project is: A or C12.

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

No discrimination shall be made in the employment of persons for this project. Labor Code Section 1735 and all other applicable State and Federal requirements relating to employment discrimination shall be complied with.

Bidders are advised that, as required by Federal law, the State has established a statewide overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal. This Agency Federal-aid contract is

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considered to be part of the statewide overall DBE goal. The Agency is required to report to Caltrans on DBE participation for all Federal-aid contracts each year so that attainment efforts may be evaluated.

The County of Kern affirms that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation.

This project is federally funded in whole or part. Minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor are set forth in the Special Provisions and may be obtained on the internet at http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx (for WD use CA31). Pursuant to Part 7 of Division 2 of the California Labor Code (Section 1720 et seq.) the Contractor shall not pay less than the prevailing rate of wages to workers on this project as determined by the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations. The Director’s schedule of prevailing rates is on file and open for inspection at the Kern County Public Works Department, Plans and Specifications Counter, 4th Floor, Public Services Building, 2700 “M” Street, Bakersfield, California, or may be obtained on the internet at www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/pwd/southern.html, and is incorporated herein by this reference. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor and the prevailing wage rates predetermined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The Department will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal minimum wage determinations. This includes “helper” (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations. Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free “hotline” service to report bid rigging activities. Bid rigging activities can be reported Mondays through Fridays, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Telephone No. 1-800-424-9071. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the “hotline” to report these activities. The “hotline” is part of the DOT’s continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

Interested subcontractors may obtain a list of plan-holding general contractors at the Kern County Public Works Department, Plans and Specifications Counter, 4th Floor, Public Services Building, 2700 “M” Street, Bakersfield, California, until 10:00 a.m. September 30, 2015. Interested subcontractors should then contact general contractors for possible participation in their bid proposals on this project.

Subcontractors wishing information regarding certification as a Disadvantaged Business (DBE), bidding procedures or bonding requirements may call Michelle Burns-Lusich at (661) 862-8861.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF WORK

The work to be performed consists, in general, of constructing a Class I path along the east side of College Heights Boulevard, from Dolphin Avenue south to the Cerro Coso Community College property line.

COUNTY OF KERN

Craig M. Pope
Director

Dated: September 1, 2015

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