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RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RECEIVED
for
CONSTRUCTION ON COUNTY ROAD 67
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AT BRANCH HOWARD SLOUGH
BRIDGE NO. 11C-0015, BRLO 5911 (048)
BRIDGE NO. 11C-0016, BRLO 5911 (047)
BRIDGE NO. 11C-0017, BRLO 5911 (049)
BRIDGE NO. 11C-0179, BRLO 5911 (050)

Bid Opening Date: 2:00 p.m. November 16, 2023

November 7, 2023

To All Bidders:

The Following are responses to questions received for the Four Bridge Replacement Projects On County Road 67 at Branch Howard Slough. Any changes to plans or bidding documents will be issued via addendum in a separate document.

QUESTIONS

Question #1: When is expected start date for construction?

Answer #1: Construction is expected to begin in mid April 2024 based on permit condition requirements.

Question #2: The advertisement states "vendor attendance required". Does mean prime contractors or all contractors, including subcontractors?

Answer #2: Prime contractors submitting a bid must attend the pre-bid meeting. Subcontractors are welcome, but not required.

Question #3: Each Bridge has it's on list of Bid Items with a sub total for each bridge. Will the contract be awarded based on all the bridges?

Answer #3: The project award shall be made to the lowest Total Bid of all four bridge projects combined. Project specific quantities and item prices are required for tracking and billing purposes.

Question #4: There is a DBE goal for each bridge, and the goal is different for each bridge. Will the contractors have to fill out a separate DBE form and Good Faith Effort for each bridge?

Answer #4: Yes, as stated in the special notices "This project consists of four (4) federal aid bridge replacement projects. All required documentation, forms, and exhibits must be submitted for each federal aid project individually. See notice to bidders for project specific DBE goals."

Question #5: The Specs state that no construction activity is allowed between October 1 and May 1. Is it the County's intent that all four bridges be completed at the same time? And that the 200 working days includes completing all four bridges within that time-frame?



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Answer #5: It is anticipated that construction of all four projects shall be completed in two calendar years, if necessary. The general contractor shall submit a progress schedule using the critical path method in accordance with the CalTrans Standard Specifications 2022 for each project separately. The general contractor may propose to construct each bridge individually or in groups in accordance with the project plans and specifications. Utilizing the CalTrans 5-day Construction Workday Calendar, there are typically 106 working days between May 1 and September 30 each year.

Question #6: Regarding the DBE Goals for all four bridges, your previous comment states we have to do a separate Good Faith Effort and complete all of the forms for each bridge. My question is do we also need to separate the subs for each bridge before we submit our proposal?

Answer #6: Subcontractors proposed to complete work on the Projects may be submitted on a single list, included in the bid book. Only one (1) copy of the List of Subcontractors is required when submitting your proposal. Four (4) separate copies of CalTrans Exhibit 12-B, one per project, is required.

Question #7: Are we able to submit the Exhibit 12-B Bidder's List of Subcontractors Part 1 & Part 2 with the Good Faith Effort?

Answer #7: Yes, Bidders may submit copies of the required CalTrans Exhibits together. One CalTrans Exhibit per project. The List of Subcontractors included in the bid book is required when submitting your proposal.

Question #8: Since there is already a List of Subcontractor's page in the bid book, may we turn in the Exhibits 12-B, parts 1 and 2 with the Exhibits 15-G and 15-H and Good Faith Efforts due by the 5th calendar day? We have someone delivering this bid to you and he will not have the resources or ability to add this information at the last minute. Typically, Caltrans and other City/County Agencies allow these forms to be provided with the DBE Forms on the 5th day after bid opening. Thank you for your consideration.

Answer #8: Yes, CalTrans Exhibit 12-B may be submitted with the DBE Commitment/Confirmation/Good Faith Efforts Documentation as shown in the CalTrans Standard Specifications 2022 Section 2-1.33B(2)(b)(ii) - BID FORM SUBMITTAL and associated Table. The List of Subcontractors included in the bid book is required when submitting your proposal.

Question #9: Could you please provide any available foundation/soil reports you may have for this project?

Answer #9: Foundation Report included as an attachment to addendum #1.

Question #10: Can you clarify if there is any error in the total sums of the following bridges?

We have different quantities vs the bid item list of each bridge.

BRIDGE 11C0179 (050)

Class 90: Given 117 TOT L 237.70 LF

Class 140 Given 728 TOT L 609.88 LF

BRIDGE 11C0017 (049)

Class 90 Given 143 TOT L 294.85 LF



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Class 140 Given 369 TOT L 237.76 LF

Answer #10: An error in quantities is confirmed. Please see updated bid schedule included in Addendum #1

Question #11: Is there any way to verify what the spec is for the geosynthetic reinforcement for the embankment?

Answer #11: Specifications for geosynthetic reinforcement will be addressed in Addendum #2.

Question #12: Please provide the following information, if available.

- *Electronic Cad Files
- *As Built of existing bridges
- *X-Sections
- *Flow Data of the Creeks
- *Load limits of the existing bridges

Answer #12: Electronic CAD files will be made available upon contract award. The County does not have As-built plan set for the existing bridge, cross sections and/or flow data and therefore these items are not available for distribution. Bridges 11C-0015, 11C-0016, 11C-0179 have no load limits. Bridge 11C-0179 is posted 12-ton per vehicle, 18-ton semi-combination.

Question #13: On October 19th, a new plan set was uploaded for Bridge No. 11C-0017. Please specify what changes were made to the new plan set from the original plan set.

Answer #13: As of November 6, 2023, no changes have been made to the plan sets or bidding documents since their release. Any changes to plans or bidding documents will be issued via addendum.

Question #14: Items 23,67,113,159 – Erosion control (Hydroseed) Looking for a seed mix and a Hydroseed mixture (fiber, fertilizer, ect.) so I can work up a quote , the are not in specs or plans , haven't seed an addendum in specs.

Answer #14: See attached hydroseed specification.

Question #15: Please provide the pre-bid conference attendance record, in order for subcontractors to provide bids to general contractors.

Answer #15: Provided.

Question #16: When will the addendum come out as the time to ask questions will over in the next day.

Answer #16: Addendum 1 issued. Deadline for questions extended. See addendum 1 for details.