

SECTION 2 - PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

2.1 QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS - Prospective bidders must be capable of performing the work for which bids are called.

In accordance with Section 103D-310, HRS, the Department may require any prospective bidder to submit answers to questions contained in the "Standard Qualification Questionnaire for Prospective Bidders on Public Works Contracts" on the form furnished by the Department, properly executed and notarized, setting forth a complete statement of the experience of such prospective bidder and its organization in performing similar work and a statement of the equipment proposed to be used, together with adequate proof of the availability of such equipment. Whenever it appears to the Department, from answers to the questionnaire or otherwise, that the prospective bidder is not fully qualified and able to perform the intended work, the Department will, after affording the prospective bidder an opportunity to be heard and if still of the opinion that the bidder is not fully qualified to perform the work, refuse to receive or consider any bid offered by the prospective bidder. All information contained in the answers to the questionnaire shall be kept confidential. Questionnaire so submitted shall be returned to the bidders after serving their purpose.

Failure to complete the qualification questionnaire will be sufficient cause for the Department to disqualify a prospective bidder.

No person, firm or corporation may bid where (1) the person, firm, or corporation, or (2) a corporation owned substantially by the person, firm, or corporation, or (3) a substantial stockholder or an officer of the corporation, or (4) a partner or substantial investor in the firm is in arrears in payments owed to the State of Hawaii or its political subdivisions or is in default as a surety or failure to do faithfully and diligently previous contracts with the State.

2.2 REJECTION OF PROPOSALS CONTAINING ALTERATIONS, ERASURES, OR IRREGULARITIES - Proposals may be rejected if they show any alterations of form, additions not called for, conditional bids, incomplete bids, erasures, or irregularities of any kind.

When proposals are signed by any agent, other than the officer or officers of a corporation authorized to sign contract on its behalf or a member of copartnership, a Power of Attorney must be on file with the Department prior to opening bids or shall be submitted with the proposal; otherwise, the proposal may be rejected as irregular and unauthorized.

Members of a joint venture may be requested to supply the Department with a copy of their joint venture agreement or each member of the joint venture may be required to sign the proposal.

2.3 PROPOSAL GUARANTY - A proposal guaranty (bid bond) is not required except when specifically noted in the proposal section of the bid document.

When a proposal guaranty is required with a bid, it will be specifically stated in the proposal; and no proposal totaling \$25,000 or more will be considered unless accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security:

- A. a deposit of legal tender; or
 - B. a surety bid bond underwritten by a company licensed to issue bonds in the State of Hawaii and submitted on the standard form provided herewith; or
 - C. a certificate of deposit, share certificate, cashier's check, treasurer's check, teller's check, or official check drawn by, or a certified check accepted by and payable on demand to the State by a bank, savings institution, or credit union insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).
- 1. The bidder may use these instruments only to a maximum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00).
 - 2. If the required security or bond amount totals over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00), more than one instrument not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) each and issued by different financial institutions shall be acceptable.
 - 3. The instrument shall be made payable at sight to the Department of Transportation, State of Hawaii.

According to Section 103D-323, HRS, the above shall be in a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the amount bid.

2.4 DELIVERY OF PROPOSALS - Each proposal shall be placed, together with the proposal guaranty when required, in an envelope and sealed and so marked as to indicate the identity of the project, the name and address of the bidder, and other required information and then delivered as indicated in the Notice to Bidders. Proposals will be received up to the time fixed in the Notice to Bidders for the opening of bids.

2.5 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS - Any proposal may be withdrawn at any time prior to the time fixed in the Notice to Bidders for the opening of proposals upon the filing of a written request therefore with the Department, executed by the bidder or a duly authorized representative. The withdrawal of a proposal shall not preclude a bidder from submitting a new proposal.

2.6 PUBLIC OPENING OF PROPOSALS - Proposals will be opened and read publicly at the time and place indicated in the Notice to Bidders. Bidders or their authorized agents are invited to be present.

2.7 DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS - Any of the following reasons may be considered as being sufficient grounds for the disqualification of a bidder and the rejection of his proposal or proposals.

A. More than one proposal for the same work from an individual, firm, or corporation under the same or different name.

B. Evidence of collusion among bidders. Participants in such collusion will receive no recognition as bidders for any future work of the Department until such participant shall have been reinstated as a qualified bidder.

C. Evidence of assistance from a person who has been an employee of the agency within the preceding two years and who participated while in State office or employment in the matter with which the contract is directly concerned, pursuant to Section 84-15, H.R.S.

D. Lack of proposal guaranty.

E. Unsigned proposal or proposal not signed in ink by person or persons legally authorized to submit a proposal on behalf of the bidder.

2.8 MATERIAL GUARANTY - The bidder may be required to furnish a complete statement of the origin, composition and manufacture of any or all materials to be used in the prosecution of the work, together with samples. Such samples may be subjected to tests to determine their quality and fitness for the work.