NOTICE TO BIDDERS

(Chapter 103D, HRS)

The receiving of SEALED BIDS for INSTALLATION AND REPLACEMENT OF SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, FEDERAL-AID PROJECT NO. STP-0900(094), ISLANDS OF MAUI, MOLOKAI AND LANAI, will begin as advertised on August 7, 2020, in HIePRO. Bidders are to register and submit bids through HIePRO only. See the following HIePRO link for important information on registering: https://hiepro.ehawaii.gov/welcome.html.

Deadline to submit bids is – Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time (HST). Bids received after said due date and time shall not be considered.

The project includes installation and replacement of signs on the Islands of Maui, Molokai and Lanai on an "as-needed" basis and as directed by the State.

To be eligible for award, bidders must possess a valid State of Hawaii Specialty Contractor's "C-14" license, prior to the award of the contract.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for August 14, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. HST. All prospective bidders or their representatives (employees) are encouraged to attend, but attendance is not mandatory. Due to the impacts of COVID 19, the pre-bid meeting will be conducted virtually. Questions applicable to the Project Specifications should be submitted via HIePRO no later than two days prior to the scheduled date of the pre-bid meeting.

Contact Project Manager Li Nah Okita, by phone at (808) 692-7581, by email at Li.Nah.Okita@hawaii.gov, or by facsimile at (808) 692-7570 to obtain the venue for the pre-bid meeting.

ALL requests for information shall be received in writing via HIePRO no less than 14 calendar days before bid opening. Questions received after the deadline will not be addressed. Verbal requests for information will not receive a response. Anything said at the conference is for clarification purposes and any changes to the bid documents will be made by addendum and posted in HIePRO.

Campaign contributions by State and County Contractors. Contractors are hereby notified of the applicability of Section 11-355, HRS, which states that campaign contributions are prohibited from specified State or county government contractors during the term of the contract if the contractors are paid with funds appropriated by the legislative body. For more information, contact the Campaign Spending Commission at (808) 586-0285.

Any protest of this solicitation shall be submitted in writing to the Director of Transportation, in accordance with \$103D-701, HRS and \$3-126, HAR.

The U.S. Department of Transportation Regulation entitled "Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation," Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 21 is applicable to this project. Bidders are hereby notified that the Department of Transportation will affirmatively ensure that the contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin or sex (as directed by 23 CFR Part 200).

The Equal Employment Opportunity Regulations of the Secretary of Labor implementing Executive Order 11246, as amended shall be complied with on this project.

The U.S. Department of Transportation Regulations entitled "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in Department of Transportation Programs", Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26 is applicable to this project. Bidders are hereby notified that the Department of Transportation will strictly enforce full compliance with all of the requirements of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program with respect to this project.

Bidders are directed to read and be familiar with the DBE Requirements for Federal-Aid Projects regarding DBE, which establishes the program requirements pursuant to Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26 and, particularly, the requirements of certification, method of award, and evidence of good faith.

Driving While Impaired (DWI) Education. Hawaii Department of Transportation encourages all organizations contracted with the Department of Transportation to have an employee education program preventing DWI. DWI is defined as operating a motor vehicle while impaired by alcohol or other legal or illegal substances. Hawaii Department of Transportation promotes this type of program to accomplish our mission to provide a safe environment for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians utilizing our State highways, and expects its contractors to do so as well.

For additional information on this project, contact Li Nah Okita at (808) 692-7581or Michelle Kwan at (808) 692-8441, by email at li.nah.okita@hawaii.gov, or by mail at 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 609, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707.

The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any defects in said proposals for the best interest of the public.

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