NOTICE TO BIDDERS

(Chapter 103D, HRS)

The receiving of SEALED BIDS for SIGN REPLACEMENT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, ISLAND OF OAHU, Project No. HWY-OM-2023-47, will begin as advertised on September 23, 2022, 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 Friday, October 21, 2022, at 2:00 P.M. Hawaii Standard Time (HST). Bids received after said due date and time shall not be considered.

The scope of work consists of replacing signs on the island of Oahu on an "as-needed" basis.

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

In accordance with ACT 174, SLH 2022, effective June 27, 2022, Hawaii Products Preference shall not apply to solicitations for public works construction. Therefore, the Hawaii Products Preference shall not apply to this project.

A 5% bid adjustment for bidders that are parties to apprenticeship agreements pursuant to Section 103-55.6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), is applicable to this project.

Compliance with Act 192, SLH 2011 is a requirement for this project whereby a minimum of 80% of the bidder's work force on this project **must** consist of Hawaii residents.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for September 30, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. HST on Microsoft Teams. 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.

Contact Jennifer Russell, Project Manager, by phone, at (808) 692-7572, by facsimile at (808) 692-7590 or email at jennifer.t.russell@hawaii.gov to obtain the venue for the pre-bid meeting.

ALL requests for information (RFI) 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.

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.

<u>Campaign contributions by State and County Contractors</u>. 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 a legislative body. For more information, contact the Campaign Spending Commission at (808) 586-0285.

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

<u>Driving While Impaired (DWI) Education</u>. HDOT encourages all organizations contracted with the DOT 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. HDOT 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.

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).

For additional information, contact Jennifer Russell, Project Manager, by phone at (808) 692-7572, by fax at (808) 692-7590 or email at Jennifer.t.russell@hawaii.gov.

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.

JADE T. BUTAY Director of Transportation