

CITY OF TAFT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals for the work shown on the PLANS entitled: CITY OF TAFT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, PROJECT PLANS FOR: RAILS TO TRAILS PHASE IV - RPSTPLE – 5193 (036), will be received at City of Taft Public Works Department attention Christy Lowe, 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, California, until 2:00 PM on August 28, 2015 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Bid forms for this work are entitled: CITY OF TAFT, NOTICE TO BIDDERS & SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR: RAILS TO TRAILS PHASE IV - RPSTPLE – 5193 (036).

General work description:

The work to be done consists in general of, but is not limited to, the construction of a 12 feet wide bike/pedestrian path, furnish and install a pre-manufactured pedestrian bridge, construct concrete abutments, site demolition, grading, clearing and grubbing, solar light poles, backflow preventer, pipe bollards, striping and roadway signs.

Bidders are advised that, as required by federal law, the City of Taft is implementing a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements (DBE). The DBE Contract goal is 6 percent.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2015 at 10:00 AM, at Taft, City Hall, 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, California. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. Bidder's attendance at this meeting will not be mandatory.

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

This project is subject to the "Buy America" provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 as amended by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

Bids must be submitted on the Bid Proposal form provided by the City of Taft. Each bid must be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the bid amount: (1) cash; (2) a cashier's check made payable to the City of Taft; (3) a certified check made payable to the City of Taft; or (4) a bidder's bond signed by a surety insurer who is licensed in California, made payable to the City of Taft. Each bidder must be a licensed contractor as required by law at the time the contract is awarded. The bidder who is awarded the project contract will be allowed pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300 to substitute securities for the payment of funds withheld under the contract. In addition, the successful bidder must furnish: (1) a faithful performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price; and (2) a payment bond (also referred to as a labor and material bond) in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. All bonds must be in a form approved by the City of Taft and must conform to California law (see Code of Civil Procedure section 995.010 et seq.). All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package and the contract must be scannable and photocopiable. The City hereby invokes its protest right under California Code of Civil Procedure 995.660 for any proposed surety bond submitted in satisfaction of the requirements of this agreement if the submitted bond is not issued by an admitted surety rated A-, VII or better by Best's Rating Service.

Bids shall be sealed in an envelope marked City of Taft – RAILS TO TRAILS PHASE IV – RPSTPLE – 5193 (036), addressed to the City of Taft Public Works Department attention Christy Lowe, and be delivered thereto on or before the day and hour set for the opening of bids in the notice inviting sealed bids, and shall bear the name of the bidder. It is the SOLE responsibility of the bidder to see that his bid is delivered and received in proper time. Any bid received after that scheduled closing time for receipt of bids shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

The contractor shall possess a City Business License and a Class A license at the time this contract is awarded.

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

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest.

Technical questions should be directed to the City Engineer, Helt Engineering, Inc., telephone (661) 323-6045.

PLANS, specifications and bid documents may be obtained for a NONREFUNDABLE FEE OF \$ 40.00 per set from: CITY OF TAFT, (661) 763-1222

An additional charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) per set will be made for mailing.

The City of Taft 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.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at City of Taft City Hall, 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, California, and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD>. The Federal Wage Rates determined by the U.S. Department of Labor, for the county or counties in which the work is to be done, are available at <http://www.wdol.gov/archdba.aspx> or by contacting the, City Engineer at (661) 323-6045. Changes, if any, to the Federal Wage Rates will be available at the same location. Future effective general prevailing wage rates which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.

Attention is directed to the Federal minimum wage rate requirements in the Bid book. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the U.S. Department of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and 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.