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CONGESTION MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed written proposals are invited by the **Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA)** for:

Title: **I-580 TMP / ADVANCED ELEMENTS PROJECT**
Project No: **03-06**

Project Description:
The work consists, in general, of installing components of a Traffic Operations System (TOS) / Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) along the I-580 corridor from San Ramon Road in Pleasanton to just east of Greenville Road in Livermore, I-680 between Sheridan Road IC and just north of Alcosta, Route 84 between I-680 and I-580, and key local arterial streets. These components of the TOS / ITS (ramp metering, closed circuit television, extinguishable message signs, highway advisory radio, changeable message signs, and microwave vehicle detection) are elements of the Transportation Management Plan (TMP) that will be implemented during the construction of the I-580 eastbound HOV lane. In addition to the equipment to be installed along I-580, the project will also include supporting hardware and software components at participating agencies Traffic Management Centers (TMC) to enable monitoring and control of field equipment, and data and video exchange among agencies. The project also includes minor pavement operation, grading, and minimal striping, and other work as specified in these Special Provisions.

The following are requirements for the Project:

- Bids are required for the entire work.
- The Contractor shall deliver the equipment within 120 Calendar Days of the Notice to Proceed (NTP).
- The ACCMA reserves the right to cancel or do not award a contract as a result of this Bid.
- Bids shall be valid for a period of 30 days from the Bid submittal date.
- The Bidder to whom the contract will be awarded must, at the time of award, possess current licenses in the following classification issued by the California State Contractor's License Board:

    - Class A License or C-10 License
    - Bidder's Subcontractors must also be properly licensed.

Project Plans and Specifications:

Project Plans and Specifications may be viewed at local Builder's Exchanges and are available at the ACCMA office:

Alameda County Congestion Management Agency
1333 Broadway, Suite 220
Oakland, CA 94607

Contract Documents specifying the requirements of the work to be performed, the terms of the contract and the details of the bidding procedure maybe secured from the ACCMA office at the address above.

A non-refundable payment of $30.00 per set is required for the Contract Documents. Upon request by Contractor and receipt of payment, these documents will be mailed. Prospective Bidder must acquire the Contract Documents directly from the ACCMA office in order to bid on this project.

Non-Discrimination/Non-Preferential Treatment:

The ACCMA hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement; minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation. Bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, place of birth, sexual orientation, age or disability in consideration for an award.

Bond Requirements:

Each bid must be accompanied by certified or cashier's check, or bidder's bond duly executed by a responsible corporate surety authorized to issue such bonds in the State of California, made payable to the ACCMA for an amount equal to at least ten (10) percent of the amount bid.

The successful bidder shall furnish a Labor and Materials Bond and a Faithful Performance Bond.

Prevailing Wages:

Attention is directed to the Federal minimum wage rate requirements included in these specifications, in so far as such requirements apply to this contract. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the United States Secretary 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.

Pursuant to Section 1770 of the Labor Code, the California Director of the Department of Industrial Relations has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages applicable to the work to be performed, which rates are filed in the office of the Deputy Director, and copies of which are available to any interested parties on request. The Federal Minimum Wage Rates and the Prevailing Wage Rates ONLY apply to the portion of work involving field work only (assistance to the Installation Contractor).

Buy America Requirements:
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.

Retention Substitution:
The Contractor may elect to receive 100% of payments due under the contract from time to time, without retention of any portion of the payment by the ACCMA, by depositing securities of equivalent value with the ACCMA in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code. All expenses of such substitute deposit shall be borne by the Contractor. Securities eligible for investment under this section shall include those listed in Section 16430 of the California Government Code or certificates of deposit of a bank or savings and loan association. The Contractor shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for moneys withheld and shall receive any interest thereon. Such securities, if deposited by the Contractor, shall be valued by the ACCMA, whose decision on valuation of the securities shall be final.

Bid Inquiries:
Any Bid Inquiries must be received in the above office by **Friday, 5 p.m. on September 22, 2006**. Any inquiries received after that time shall not be considered. All specification holders shall be sent written notice of each Bid inquiry and the Agency's response not less than three (3) calendar days prior to bid opening. Contract Addenda, if necessary, shall be issued not less than three (3) calendar days prior to bid opening. All inquiries and responses shall be posted on the ACCMA website www.accma.ca.gov/pages/rfp_rfq_present.

Bid Inquiries shall be submitted in writing via email or fax to ACCMA at the following address:

Alameda County Congestion Management Agency
I-580 TMP / Advanced Elements Project
Attn: Bill Jeng
FAX – (510) 836-2185
EMAIL: bjeng@accma.ca.gov

Pre-Bid Conference:
There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on **Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 10:00 A.M.** at the ACCMA office at 1333 Broadway, Suite 220, Oakland, CA 94612 to answer any questions regarding the project.

Filing of Bids:
All proposals must be filed with the ACCMA office at 1333 Broadway, Suite 220, Oakland California, until **2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 4, 2006**, at which time bids will be publicly opened and read.

September 5, 2006
Issue Date

Liz Brazil
Contracts Administrator