

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DISTRICT 7
11201 N. McKinley Drive
Tampa, Florida 33612
July 23, 2014

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ASSET MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

This is a District-wide performance-based project requiring management and performance of maintenance components for the Bridges and Structures identified in the Scope of Services.

The Department intends to award this project to the responsive and responsible Proposer whose proposal package receives the highest score (Technical Proposal Score plus Price Score).

PROPOSAL ID: E7J67 - FINANCIAL PROJECT(S): 41259515251; 41259517251; 41259517253; 41259517254; 41259517255; 41259517256; 41259517257; 41259527252

COUNTIES: This contract includes structures in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Hernando, and Citrus Counties. This contract excludes structures within the limits of the Skyway Bridge corridor under contract E7G25.

DESCRIPTION: This contract includes inspection and maintenance of all National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) qualifying bridges, state owned pedestrian bridges, over lane sign structures (including ITS, weigh station and PrePass structures) and steel camera poles.

This contract includes inspection and Department responsible maintenance as defined in the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement of state owned traffic signal mast arms.

This contract includes inspection only of bridges owned and maintained by the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority.

This contract includes inspection only of Local Government and other State agency owned bridges and pedestrian bridges.

This contract includes inspection and structural maintenance of high mast light poles not covered by E7I87 and E7H52

MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING will be held at Tampa's District Headquarters, at 11201 N. McKinley Drive, Tampa, Florida 33612 on **August 14, 2014 at 10:00 A.M.** Proposal forms (bid packages) will be issued only to attendees of the Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference. All bidders must be present for the entire meeting and must sign in prior to the start of the mandatory pre-proposal bid meeting. Anyone not signed in at the commencement of the meeting will be considered late and will not be allowed to bid on the project.

Bids for this project will not be received through Bid Express.

- Contract Days: 2920 (8 Years)
- Contract Execution Days: 10
- Budget Amount: \$63,392,000.00
- Acquis/Flexible Start Time: 15 Days (Acquisition Time).

Technical and Price Proposals are due on September 16, 2014 by 2:30 P.M. (Local Time). There will be separate openings for the Technical and for the Price Proposal.

TECHNICAL PROPOSALS will be opened on **September 16, 2014** and the names of Companies submitting will be read publicly *in the Executive Conference Room.* . After the opening Proposer's names can be obtained at:
http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict7/Asset%20Maintenance/Asset_Maintenance.shtm

PRICE PROPOSALS will be secured until **October 7, 2014 at 2:30 P.M. (Local Time).** at which time they will be opened and read in a public meeting in the Auditorium.

Proposals may be submitted by mail or in person to the following address:

Location	Address	Mail station Number
District 7	11201 N. McKinley Drive Tampa, Florida 33612	7-700

DEADLINE for PROPOSALS and PROPOSAL HOLDERS LIST

No Proposals shall be issued after the Mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting. A list of plan holders may be obtained by visiting the District Contracts Administration website at http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict7/Asset%20Maintenance/Asset_Maintenance.shtm

DOCUMENT ORDERING INFORMATION

Orders for documents are placed using the Contract Proposal Processing Online Ordering System at <https://www3.dot.state.fl.us/ContractProposalProcessingOnlineOrdering/>. There is no charge for ordering/downloading documents. Online Ordering is available Monday through Friday from 6 AM. to 9 PM. and Saturday from 6 AM. to 7 PM.

To Place An Order

- A current State of Florida Vendor Number is required prior to first-time registration; please visit http://dms.myflorida.com/egovernment_tools/myflorida_marketplace for more information. Please allow 24 to 48 hours for receipt of a new vendor number.
- Prior to placing orders, an individual shall register and establish an Internet Subscriber Account with the Department of Transportation at <https://www3.dot.state.fl.us/ContractProposalProcessingOnlineOrdering/>. Please allow 48 to 72 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) for the registration and approval.

SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES

A company that is on the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector List may not bid on, submit a proposal for, or enter into a contract with an agency or local government entity for goods or services of \$1 million or more.

BID REJECTION

Bidders are hereby notified that all bids are likely to be rejected if the lowest responsive bid received exceeds the engineer's estimate by more than ten percent (10%). In the event any of the bids are rejected for this reason, the project may be deferred for re-advertising. In addition, award of all federally funded projects will be subject to Federal Highway Administration concurrence.

PROTEST RIGHTS

Pursuant to Section 337.11, Florida Statutes, any person adversely affected by a **bid solicitation** shall file both a notice of protest and bond within 72 hours of the receipt of the bid documents, and shall file a formal written protest within ten days after filing the notice of protest. Any person who files a notice of protest as to a bid solicitation pursuant to this rule shall post with the Department, at the time of filing the notice of protest, a bond payable to the Department in the following amounts: For an action protesting a bid solicitation that requires qualification of bidders, the Bond shall be \$5,000. For an action protesting a bid solicitation for which bidders are not required to be prequalified by the Department to be eligible to bid, the bond shall be \$2,500. The required notice of protest, bond and formal protest must each be timely filed with the Clerk of Agency Proceedings, Florida Department of Transportation, Mail Station 58, Room 550, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0458. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

Pursuant to Section 337.11, Florida Statutes, any person adversely affected by a **bid rejection or contract award** shall file both a notice of protest and bond within 72 hours after the posting of the Summary of Bids. If notice of intended decision is given by certified mail or express delivery, the adversely effected person must file both the notice of protest and bond within 72 hours after receipt of the notice of intent. A formal written protest must be filed within ten days after filing the notice of protest. Any person who files a notice of protest as to a bid rejection or contract award pursuant to this rule shall post with the Department, at the time of filing the notice of protest, a bond payable to the Department in the following amounts: For an action protesting a bid rejection or contract award that requires qualification of bidders, the Bond shall be equal to one percent of the lowest bid submitted or \$5,000,

whichever is greater. For an action protesting a bid rejection or contract award for which bidders are not required to be prequalified by the Department to be eligible to bid, the bond shall be \$2,500. The required notice of protest, bond and formal protest must each be timely filed with the Clerk of Agency Proceedings, Florida Department of Transportation, Mail Station 58, Room 550, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0458. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

A protest is not timely filed unless the notice of protest, bond and the formal protest are each received by the Clerk of Agency Proceedings within the required time limits. A protest which is filed prematurely will be deemed abandoned unless timely renewed.

INSURANCE

The successful bidder shall submit current general liability insurance and workman's compensation insurance certificates for the duration of the contract in the dollar amounts and manner specified in the most current edition of the Department's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. Insurance companies must be authorized to do business in the State of Florida. Proof of such insurance shall be filed with the District Contracts and Procurement Office before the contract can be executed. BE SURE THAT THE CONTRACT NUMBER IS ON EACH INSURANCE CERTIFICATE.

ADDENDA

No negotiations, decisions, or actions will be initiated or executed by a potential bidder as a result of any oral discussion with a State employee. Only those communications which are in writing from the Department will be considered as a duly authorized expression on behalf of the Department. Notices of changes (addenda) will be posted on the District Contracts Administration website at: http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict7/Asset%20Maintenance/Asset_Maintenance.shtm It is the responsibility of all potential bidders to monitor this site for any changing information prior to submitting their bid. **All addenda will be acknowledged by signature and subsequent submission of addenda with the bid when so stated in the addenda.**

BID QUESTIONS

Direct questions regarding the advertised projects by posting them to the Department website at the following URL address: <http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/construction/bidquestionmain.asp>

BID BOND

For bids over \$150,000.00, the standard proposal guaranty of 5% of the bid will be required. A Proposal Guaranty of not less than five percent (5%) of the total actual bid in the form of either a certified check, cashier's check, trust company treasurer's check, bank draft of any national or state bank, or a Surety Bid Bond made payable to the Florida Department of Transportation must accompany each bid in excess of **\$150,000.00**. A check or draft in an amount less than five percent (5%) of the actual bid will invalidate the bid.

PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND

An ANNUAL 100% Payment and Performance Bond will be required for this project.

EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

Pursuant to Subsections 3-6 and 3-7 of the Standard Specifications, the successful bidder shall execute the necessary contract documents and return the agreement along with a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond within ten (10) Calendar days of award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, unless noted otherwise in the project specifications. A 100% Payment and Performance Bond will be required for all projects unless noted otherwise in the project specifications. All work is to be done in accordance with the Plans, special Provisions of the State of Florida Department of Transportation.

Prior to execution of the contract with the Department, **a corporation must show proof that is authorized to do business in the State of Florida**. Florida corporations should provide a copy of the certificate of Incorporation and foreign corporations should provide a copy of Certificate of Authority from the Florida Department of State.

Important note: Actual commitment and final execution of the contract is contingent upon an approved legislative budget and funds availability.

DBE PARTICIPATION

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Availability Goal Information is contained in the Bid Solicitation Package. Please complete, sign, and return the applicable "Anticipated DBE Participation Statement" form and the "DBE/MBE Bid Opportunity List" form which shall be submitted with bid as stipulated in the subject bid packages.

DEBARMENT/SUSPENSION

All bids submitted to the Department shall include a statement that by signing and submitting this proposal, the bidder certifies that no principal (which includes officers, directors or executives) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

POSTING NOTICE

Unless otherwise notified by certified mail, express delivery, hand delivery, fax, or email, receipt acknowledgment, the Summary of Bids will be posted at the District Contracts Administration web site http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict7/Asset%20Maintenance/Asset_Maintenance.shtm

The posting provides notice of the Department's intent to award a contract or reject all bids. If the posting dates are revised, all bidders for the subject project will be notified of the Department's intended decision. Bidders must acknowledge receipt of the notice of the revised date.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION (EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY)

The Florida Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the "Department"), in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and related authorities, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that the Department will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability/handicap in consideration for an award. Further, it is the policy of the Department to not discriminate against bidders on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability/handicap in consideration for an award. A bidder must have an approved DBE Affirmative Action (DBE/AA) Plan prior to contract award. Please use the following link http://www.dot.state.fl.us/cc-admin/cpp_online_ordering/bidder_assist.shtm and the Special Provisions for instructions for submission of a DBE/AA Plan. The DBE/AA Plan should be submitted for approval prior to the bidding.

MINIMUM WAGE

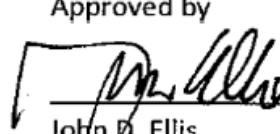
The minimum wage for all hours worked in Florida is available at: <http://www.floridajobs.org>

EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION LIST

To get on the e-mail subscription list, go to <http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/ContractsAdministration/bsnmail.asp> and fill out the necessary information to "Subscribe". To obtain information concerning other districts, go to <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/cc-admin/distco.shtm>

To report bid rigging activities call: 1-800-424-9071

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) operates the above toll-free "hotline" Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. local time. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the "hotline" to report such 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.

Approved by


John D. Ellis
District Contracts Administrator

