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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Sealed bids for

COPPER COMMUNICATIONS CABLE AND
VOICE AND DATA EQUIPMENT – MONITORING, TESTING, AND REPAIR
CALIFORNIA AQUEDUCT
STATE WATER FACILITIES
DELTA, SAN LUIS, SAN JOAQUIN AND SOUTHERN FIELD DIVISIONS
CONTRA COSTA, ALAMEDA, SAN JOAQUIN, MERCED, FRESNO, KINGS,
KERN, LOS ANGELES, AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES
CALIFORNIA
SPECIFICATION NO. 13-17
CONTRACT NO. C51481

will be received by the Department of Water Resources at the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 418, Sacramento, California 95814, not later than **2:00 P.M. on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2014** at which time they will be publicly opened and read at an announced location in the vicinity of such office.

NOTE: Bidders/Visitors should allow sufficient time for checking in with Security upon entering main floor of the Resources Building.

Bid forms for this work are included in a separate booklet titled BID FORM.

Bids will be considered only if submitted for all the work required for the above project. The work is defined in Section 01110 – Summary of Work, and includes but is not limited to the following principal features:

1. The Contractor shall provide monitoring, testing, leak detection, and routine cable repairs on approximately 450 miles of California Aqueduct communication cable and appurtenances, for the Department. This work includes:
 - a. Monitoring and testing pressurized direct burial copper communications cable at the specified locations.
 - b. Refurbishing compressor equipment used to pressurize the communications cable at the specified locations.
 - c. Replacing existing defective compressors and appurtenances used to pressurize the communications cable at the specified locations.
 - d. Furnishing and installing compressors and appurtenances to pressurize the communications cable at the specified locations.
 - e. Testing and locating leaks in the pressurized communication cables at specified locations.
 - f. Providing routine cable repair based upon the current and acquired communications cable monitoring and testing data. The Contractor shall make cable repairs based on accepted criteria and as directed. Work for cable repairs shall include:
 - 1) Planning, scheduling, documentation, excavation, pressure cable splicing, installing of cable enclosures, replacing cables, and backfilling as specified.
 - 2) Repairing the pressurized communications cable when pressure tap readings at the specified locations fall to zero pounds per square inch.
 - 3) Taking a before and after air pressure reading subsequent to repairing the pressurized cable to verify and report pressure drop to the Engineer.
2. Provide non-routine cable repair as directed.
 - a. The Contractor shall make repairs to the pressurized communications cable in conformance with Section 16707 – Communications Cable Monitoring, Testing, and Repair, Paragraphs 3.08 and 3.09.
 - b. Cable pressure values are to be obtained every six months in accordance with Section 16707 – Communications Cable Monitoring, Testing, and Repair, Paragraph 3.01

3. The Contractor shall monitor and test work on the electronic voice and data equipment at specified locations as detailed in Section 16709 – Voice and Data Communications Equipment – Monitoring and Testing.
4. The Contractor shall perform Emergency Repair Service as detailed in Section 16712 – Emergency Repair Services, at the specified locations within any of the Department’s field division locations on an as-directed basis for a period of 12 consecutive months.
5. The Contractor shall provide one (1) training session of eight (8) hours at each of the four (4) field divisions specified, as detailed in Section 16711 – Training Programs.
6. The Contractor shall furnish and deliver various spare parts required for repairing and testing under this contract, as detailed in Section 16709 – Voice and Data Communications Equipment – Monitoring and Testing.

Quantities of work, materials, and equipment required for completion of the work are specified in Document 00410 – Bid Schedule, which is subject to change.

1. WAGE RATES

Pursuant to Sections 1770 through 1773.8 of the California Labor Code, the Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for the locality in which the work is to be performed. Such rates are on file for inspection at the office of the Department of Water Resources, Room 418, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, California 95814. Copies may be obtained from the State of California, Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Statistics and Research, P. O. Box 420603, San Francisco, California 94142, telephone (415) 703-4774, fax (415) 703-4771. Prevailing wage determinations may be obtained over the Internet through California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Labor Statistics and Research’s Home Page at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/>.

2. LICENSING

Bidders shall be licensed for the work as required by the Business and Professions Code. Contractor’s license classification(s) for this work: A, C-7 or C-10 (Determined by Contractors’ State License Board).

3. BIDDING

Forms of bid and contract, drawings and specifications for the project may be obtained only at the Department of Water Resources, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 418, Sacramento, California 95814, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 12:30 – 4:00 p.m. or by mail upon written request to the Department of Water Resources, P. O. Box 942836, Sacramento, California 94236-0001, Attention: Jim Veres, Contract Coordinator, Spec. No. 13-17 telephone (916) 653-4867, fax (916) 653-6166, or by e-mail at doe_specs@water.ca.gov. Drawings and specifications may be seen at the above location or at Pearblossom Project Headquarters at 34534 116th Street East, P. O. Box 1250, Pearblossom, California 93553.

Drawings and specifications furnished to entities not meeting prequalification or joint venture bidding requirements, or the subcontractors, suppliers, or other parties not interested in bidding on the work, shall not be used for bidding purposes and will be stamped, "Information Copy for Estimating Purposes Only".

4. DVBE AND SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

Participation by Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises (DVBE) and qualification for Small Business Preference shall be as provided by Document 00206 – Instructions for DVBE Goal and Incentive and Document 00201 – Instructions for Small Business Preference. A DVBE incentive will be applied during bid evaluation in accordance with Document 00206, Paragraph 2 – DVBE Incentive.

In addition, the Department has set a 25 percent Small Business Enterprise (SBE) participation goal in its contracting and is tracking Small Business participation in its contracts. The Department encourages bidders to explore certification as a Small Business and/or Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise and to utilize certified Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises during the contract term.

Certification information may be obtained from the Department of General Services, Procurement Division, Office of Small Business and DVBE Services:

Mailing Address:
Post Office Box 989052
West Sacramento, California 95798-9052

Physical Location:
707 Third Street, 1st Floor, Room 400
West Sacramento, California 95605

Telephone: (916) 375-4940
Toll Free: (800) 559-5529
Facsimile: (916) 375-4950
Email: OSDSHelp@dgs.ca.gov
Internet Address:
<http://www.dgs.ca.gov/pd/Programs/OSDS/GetCertified.aspx>
List of SB/DVBE Firms: <http://www.bidsync.com/DPXBisCASB/>

General listings of certified Small Business and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises may be obtained from the Certified Firm Inquiry Services at the above internet address. Listings of certified Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises specific to this contract may be obtained by contacting the DVBE Program Coordinator at (916) 653-5490 (phone) or dkashkoo@water.ca.gov (email).

5. CONTRACT COORDINATOR

Questions relating to bidding may be directed to the Contract Coordinator of the Department of Water Resources in Sacramento, at the location or address given above, or at telephone (916) 653-4867. Questions or requests for clarification of the drawings or specifications shall be made in writing at least 10 days before the scheduled opening of bids. Response, if appropriate, will be furnished to all prospective bidders. A mandatory inspection trip for prospective bidders will be conducted at the work site by the Department.

6. PREBID BRAND AND TRADE NAME REQUESTS

Pursuant to Section 10129 of the Public Contract Code, alternatives to a designated material, product, thing, or service by specific brand or trade name that are of equal quality and of required characteristics for the purpose intended may be proposed during the bidding period, provided the bidder complies with the following:

- A. Proposals for alternatives to a designated material, product, thing, or service, requested during the bidding period, shall be furnished in writing to the Department's contract coordinator, not later than 14 days prior to the date and time of the bid opening. Proposals requested after issuance of the Notice to Begin Work, shall be submitted pursuant to Document 00706 – Control of Work, Paragraph 4 and Section 01330 – Submittals.
- B. Proposals shall be accompanied by complete information and descriptive data necessary to determine equality of the material, product, thing or service. Samples shall be provided when requested

by the Department. Burden of proof as to availability, comparative quality, suitability, and performance of the material, product, thing, or service shall be upon the bidder. The Department will be the sole judge as to such matters. If the proposal is accepted, bidders will be notified by information letter or addenda pursuant to Document 00200 – Instructions to Bidders, Paragraphs 3 and 4 respectively.

- C. Refer to Document 00706 – Control of Work, Paragraph 6, for substitution requests after issuance of Notice to Begin Work.

7. SUBSTITUTION OF SECURITIES

Pursuant to Section 10263 of the Public Contract Code, the successful bidder will be permitted to substitute securities for any moneys withheld by the Department as provided by Section 10261 of the Public Contract Code.

8. GENERAL PREQUALIFICATION

All bidders shall be prequalified by the Department. Bid documents will be furnished only to prequalified bidders who meet the requirements of the State Contract Act and Document 00040 – Prequalification.

9. SPECIAL PREQUALIFICATION

A special “Statement of Experience” questionnaire and other documents, on forms provided by the Department, must be completed and approved before bid documents will be issued.

MARK W. COWIN
Director of Water Resources

Dated: December 13, 2013
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