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B1.01 INSPECTION OF SITE OF WORK

Bidders are required to inspect the site of the work in order to satisfy themselves, by personal examination or by such other means as they may prefer, of the location of the proposed work and as to the actual conditions of and at the site of work. If, during the course of his/her examination, a bidder finds facts or conditions which appear to him/her to conflict with the letter or spirit of the contract documents, or with any other data furnished him/her, he/she may apply to the Agency in writing in accordance with **B1.04 INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS** for additional information and explanation before submitting his/her bid.

The submission of a proposal by the bidder shall constitute the acknowledgment that, if awarded the contract, he/she has relied and is relying on his/her own examination of (a) the site of the work, (b) the access to the site, and (c) all other data, matters, and things requisite to the fulfillment of the work and on his/her own knowledge of existing services and utilities on and in the vicinity of the site of the work to be constructed under the contract, and not on any representation or warranty of the Agency. No claim for additional compensation will be allowed which is based upon a lack of knowledge of these items.

B1.02 EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Each bidder shall thoroughly examine and be familiar with legal and procedural documents, general conditions, specifications, drawings and addenda (if any). The submission of a proposal shall constitute an acknowledgment upon which the Agency may rely that the bidder has thoroughly examined and is familiar with the contract documents. The bidders' attention is directed to the need, if any, for special invoicing for this project. The failure or neglect of a bidder to receive or examine any of the contract documents shall in no way relieve him/her from any obligations with respect to his/her proposal or to the contract. No claim for additional compensation will be allowed which is based upon a lack of knowledge of any contract document.

B1.03 CONTRACT PERIOD/CONSTRUCTION COMPLETION DATE

Bidder's attention is called to the provisions set forth in **SECTION E, STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS**, particularly those pertaining to the contract period and liquidated damages for avoidable delays.

The Contractor shall begin work within fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of the Notice to Proceed, and shall diligently prosecute said work to completion before the expiration 90 **WORKING DAYS**. The Contractor shall pay to the Agency the sum of **\$3000.00** per day, for each and every calendar days delay in finishing the work in excess of the number of working days prescribed above. The working day time allowance is subject to the restrictions and requirements identified in the special provisions.

B1.04 INTERPRETATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

No oral interpretations will be made to any bidder as to the meaning of the contract documents. Requests for an interpretation shall be made in writing and delivered to the Agency at least ten (10) days before the time announced for opening the proposals. Interpretations by the Agency will be in the form of addenda to the contract documents and, when issued, will be sent as promptly as is practical to all parties to whom the

contract documents have been issued. Agency makes no guarantee that all bidders will receive all addenda. Copies of addenda will be made available for inspection at the office where contract documents are on file for inspection as indicated on the Invitation for Bids. All such addenda shall become part of the contract. All questions shall be addressed Paul Curren at 707-263-5613 ext. 28 or Kevin Ingram at 707-263-5613 ext.11.

B1.05 SOIL INFORMATION

Soil reports have not been prepared for this project. Utility potholing information is located on the plans

B1.06 PROPOSAL

Proposals shall be made on the forms enclosed in **SECTION C** of these specifications with or without removal from the bound contract documents. All proposals shall give the prices proposed, both in words and in numbers, shall give all other information requested herein, and shall be signed by the bidder or his/her authorized representative, with his/her address. If the proposal is made by an individual, his/her name, signature and mailing address must be shown; if made by firm or partnership, the name and mailing address of the firm or partnership and the signature of at least one of the general partners must be shown; if made by a corporation, the proposal shall show the name of the state under the laws of which the corporation is chartered, the name and mailing address of the corporation, and the name and title of the person who signs on behalf of the corporation. If the proposal is made by a corporation, a certified copy of the bylaws or resolution of the board of directors of the corporation shall be furnished demonstrating the authority of the officer signing the proposal to execute contracts on behalf of the corporation.

Each proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, labeled as specified in **SECTION A - NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS**. Bidders are warned against making erasures or alterations of any kind, and proposals which contain omissions, erasures or irregularities of any kind may be rejected. No oral, telegraphic or telephonic proposals or modifications will be considered.

In conformance with the Business and Profession Code, § 7028.15, the Contractor must state clearly his/her license number and expiration date. In addition he/she shall sign a statement that these representations were made under the penalty of perjury. This statement shall be made on the **EXPERIENCE STATEMENT** in **SECTION C**.

The contractor will be required to pay prevailing wage pursuant to California Law, including California Labor Code §§ 1770 et seq. Copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the offices of the Agency.

B1.07 ADDENDA

Each proposal shall include specific acknowledgment in the space provided on **SECTION C - BID PROPOSAL** of receipt of all addenda issued during the bidding period. Failure to so acknowledge may result in the proposal being rejected as not responsive.

B1.08 BID PRICES

Bid prices shall include everything necessary for the completion of construction and fulfillment of the contract including, but not limited to, furnishing all materials, equipment, tools, plant and other facilities and all management, superintendence, labor and services, except as may be provided otherwise in the

contract documents. In the event of a difference between a price quoted in words and a price quoted in numbers for the same quotation, the words shall be the amount bid.

In preparing bid prices, bidder represents that he/she has carefully examined the Contract Documents and the site where the work is to be performed and that he/she has familiarized himself with all local conditions and federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations that may affect the performance of the work in any manner. The bidder further represents that he/she has studied all surveys and investigation reports about subsurface and physical conditions pertaining to the job site, that he/she has performed such additional surveys and investigations as he/she deems necessary to complete the work at his/her bid price, and that he/she has correlated the results of all such data with the requirements of the Contract Documents. The submittal of a bid shall be conclusive evidence that the bidder has investigated and is satisfied as to the conditions to be encountered, including locality, uncertainty of weather and all other contingencies, and as to the character, quality, quantities, and scope of the work.

The plans and specifications for the work show subsurface conditions or otherwise hidden conditions as the Design Engineer supposes or believes them to exist, but is not intended or to be inferred that the conditions as shown thereon constitute a representation that such conditions are actually existent. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Contract Documents, the Agency, the Design Engineer and their consultants or agents shall not be liable for any loss sustained by the Contractor as a result of any variance of such conditions as shown on the plans and the actual conditions revealed during the progress of the work or otherwise.

The Contractor shall perform an independent take-off of the plans and bid accordingly. Quantities listed in the **BID SCHEDULE** in **SECTION C** are intended only as a guide for the Contractor as to the anticipated order of magnitude of work. Contractor shall be responsible for verifying all estimated quantities. Contractor will be reimbursed for the quantity of items actually installed as required by the Contract Documents and shown on the plans to neat line and grade.

The Contractor will not be reimbursed for unauthorized work performed outside of that required by the Contract Documents.

The bid contains some alternative costs for various items. These items are in lieu of other items. The bid shall be awarded on the BASE BID without consideration of the alternatives. The contract may be amended to include alternative items.

B1.09 TAXES

No mention shall be made in the proposal of sales tax, use tax, or any other tax, as all amounts bid will be deemed and held to include any such taxes which may be applicable.

B1.10 RECOGNITION OF BONDING COMPANIES

All bonding companies used by the Contractor in this contract must be recognized by the Federal Government within Circular 570. All proposals or contracts received that include bonds posted by bonding companies not recognized in Circular 570 will result in the disqualification of the bid proposal and forfeiture of the bid bond.

B1.11 QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

Each bidder shall be skilled and regularly engaged in the general class or type of work called for under the contract. A statement setting forth his/her experience shall be submitted by each bidder on the **EXPERIENCE STATEMENT** form provided in **SECTION C**.

Each bidder shall possess a valid Contractor's License issued by the Contractor's State License Board at the time his/her bid is submitted. The class of license shall be applicable to the work specified in the contract. Each bidder shall also have no less than five (5) years' experience in the magnitude and character of the work bid.

It is the intention of the Agency to award a contract to a bidder who furnished satisfactory evidence that he/she has the requisite experience and ability, and that he/she has sufficient capital, facilities, and plant to enable him/her to prosecute the work successfully and properly, and to complete it within the time stated in the contract.

To determine the degree of responsibility to be credited to the bidder, the Agency will weigh any evidence that the bidder has performed satisfactorily other contracts of like nature, magnitude and comparable difficulty and comparable rates of progress. If in the opinion of the Agency, a bidder is determined to be insufficiently qualified, then that bidder will not be considered for award of the contract.

B1.12 DESIGNATION OF SUPPLIERS AND SUBCONTRACTORS

Each proposal shall have listed on the **DESIGNATION OF SUPPLIERS AND SUBCONTRACTORS** form provided in **SECTION C** the name, address, and license number of each subcontractor to whom the bidder proposes to sublet portions of the work in excess of one-half percent of the total amount of his/her bid. For the purpose of this paragraph, a subcontractor is defined as one who contracts with the Contractor to furnish materials and labor, or labor only for the performance of work at the site of the work or who will specially fabricate a portion of the work off the site pursuant to detailed drawings in the contract documents.

Public Contract Code § 4104 requires all bidders to list subcontractors who will perform work in excess of ½% of the total bid, or in the case of streets and highways, ½% or \$10,000, whichever is greater.

Public Contract Code § 6109 prohibits a contractor from performing work with a subcontractor who is debarred pursuant to Labor Code §§ 1777.1 or 1777.7.

B1.13 PROPOSAL GUARANTEE

The proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal guarantee bond duly completed on the form provided herewith by a guarantee company authorized to carry on business in the State of California for payments to the Agency in the sum of at least 10% of the total amount of the bid proposal, or alternatively by a certified or cashier's check payable to the Agency, or cash, in the sum of at least 10% of the total amount of the bid proposal. The amount payable to the Agency under the proposal guarantee shall be forfeited to the Agency in case of failure or neglect of the bidder to furnish, execute and deliver to the Agency the required bonds, evidence of insurance and to enter into, execute and deliver to the Agency the agreement on the form provided herewith, within ten (10) days after being notified in writing by the Agency that the award has been made and the agreement is ready for execution.

B1.14 MODIFICATION OF PROPOSAL

A modification of a bid proposal already received will be considered only if the modification is received before the time announced for the opening of bids. All modifications shall be made in writing, executed and submitted in the same form and manner as the original bid proposal.

B1.15 WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSAL

A proposal may be withdrawn by a written request signed by the bidder. Such requests must be delivered to the Agency's designated official prior to the bid opening hour stipulated in **SECTION A – NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS**. Proposals may not be withdrawn after that time without forfeiture of the proposal guarantee. The withdrawal of a proposal will not prejudice the right of the bidder to submit a new proposal, providing there is time to do so.

B1.16 POSTPONEMENT OF BID OPENING

The Agency reserves the right to postpone the date and time for opening of bids at any time prior to the date and time announced in **SECTION A–NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS**.

B1.17 DISQUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

If there is reason to believe that collusion exists among the bidders, none of the bids of the participants in such collusion will be considered. In the event that any bidder acting as a prime Contractor has an interest in more than one proposal, all such proposals will be rejected, and the bidder will be disqualified. This restriction does not apply to subcontractors or suppliers who may submit quotations to more than one bidder, and while doing so, may also submit a formal proposal as a prime Contractor.

B1.18 REJECTION OF PROPOSALS

The Agency reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any irregularity, and to reject any proposals which are incomplete, obscure or irregular; any proposals which omit a bid on any one or more items on which bids are required; which omit unit prices if unit prices are required; in which unit prices are unbalanced in the opinion of the Agency; which are accompanied by insufficient or irregular bid security; or which are from bidders who have previously failed to perform properly or to timely complete contracts of any nature.

B1.19 AWARD OF CONTRACT

The Contract will be awarded, if at all, to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, whose bid proposal is not rejected for cause by the Agency. However, until an award is made, the Agency reserves right will be reserved to reject any or all bids, and to waive technical errors or discrepancies, if to do so is deemed to best serve the interests of the Agency. In no event will an award be made until all necessary investigations are made as to the responsibility and qualifications of the bidder to whom it is proposed to make such an award.

Each bidder's attention is directed to the possibility that the award of the project may be delayed for various reasons. The Agency reserves the right to delay the award of the project for 45 calendar days. After 45 calendar days, the low bidder may at any time request release from its bid without penalty.

The acceptance of a proposal will be evidenced by a Notice of Award of Contract in writing, delivered by mail to the bidder whose proposal is accepted. No other act of the Agency shall constitute acceptance of a proposal. The award of contract shall obligate the bidder whose proposal is accepted to furnish a

performance bond, payment bond and maintenance bond, as well as evidence of insurance and to execute the contract set forth herein.

B1.20 RETURN OF PROPOSAL GUARANTEES

Within ten (10) calendar days after the bids are opened, the Agency will release the proposal guarantees accompanying the proposals which are not to be considered in making the award. Proposal guarantees for the two lowest bidders will be held until the contract has been fully executed, after which they will be returned to the respective bidders.

B2.21 EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

The contract agreement shall be executed in duplicate by the successful bidder and returned, together with the contract bonds and evidence of insurance, within ten (10) calendar days after the notification of the contract award by the Agency in writing. In case of failure of the successful bidder to execute the contract agreement within ten (10) calendar days after such notice, or any subsequent extension approved by Agency, the Agency at its option may consider the bidder in default, in which case the bid bond or proposal guarantee accompanying the bid shall become the property of the Agency. After execution by the Agency, one original contract shall be returned to the Contractor.

B1.22 FLEXIBILITY OF BID SCHEDULE

It is the intent of the Agency to award a contract to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder and the flexibility shown in the bid schedule is necessary to ensure a project within the Agency's budget limits and constraints.