

COUNTY OF MERCED

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids open October 15, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

General work description: project improvements include realignment of Market Street, realignment and widening of Childs Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue. Work includes asphalt concrete pavement, concrete sidewalk, curb & gutter, concrete median, ADA compliant curb ramps, storm drain inlets and pipes, signing and striping, signal and lighting, conduits and wiring, poles and foundations as shown on plans excluding railroad work.

The County will receive sealed bids for the: **SANTA FE AVENUE AND CHILDS AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL & INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Contract Number: 2021027/300-1311

Federal Aid Project No.: HRRRL-5939(112)

Bid forms for this work are included in a separate book titled:

**COUNTY OF MERCED
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BID BOOK
FOR
SANTA FE AVENUE AND CHILDS AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL & INTERSECTION
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

No bid will be received unless it is made on a bid form furnished by the MERCED COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. Copies or facsimiles of the bidder's completed and executed bid forms submitted as a bid will be rejected. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bidder's bond made payable to the COUNTY OF MERCED for an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the amount of bid, such guaranty to be forfeited should the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fail to enter into the contract.

The Contractor must have a Class A license or combination of Class C licenses that make up a majority of the work. **The Contractor shall have and shall maintain the proper Contractor's license from award of contract through contract acceptance (Per Public Contract Code § 10164).**

The successful bidder will be required to obtain a Merced County Business License before execution of the contract at his own expense.

No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

The **DBE Contract Goal is (18%) eighteen percent.** Merced County will evaluate the bidder's compliance with all DBE requirements under 49 CFR 26.

Attention is directed to Section 7-1.11C of the Standard Specifications for Female and Minority Goals for Merced County.

The Bids must be on a unit price basis. All bids are to be compared on the basis of the COUNTY OF MERCED'S estimated quantities of work to be done.

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Complete work within 120 working days (Contractor shall show material orders lead time on the schedule).

The estimated cost of construction is \$2,300,000.00.

Buy America – Bidders shall comply with the Buy America requirements of Section 6 “Control Of Materials”, Sub-section 6-1.04 “Buy America” of the standards specifications.

Copies of plans, special provisions and proposal forms may only be obtained at the office of the Merced County Department of Public Works, Road Division, located at 345 W. 7th Street, Merced, CA 95340,

(209) 385-7601, upon request and payment of **\$50.00 per set, which is nonrefundable and includes sales tax**. Said material may be examined at the MERCED COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE and at:

Central California Builders Exchange 1244 North Mariposa Street Fresno, CA 93703 (559) 237-1831/Fax (559) 264-2532	Valley Builders Exchange, Inc. 1118 Kansas Avenue Modesto, CA 95351 (209) 522-9031/Fax (209) 522-0616
Bay Area Builders Exchange 2440 Stanwell Drive, Suite B Concord, CA 94520 (925) 685-8630/Fax (925)685-3424	Sacramento Regional Builders Exchange 1331 “T” Street Sacramento, CA 95811 (916) 442-8991/Fax (916) 446-3117
Kern County Builders Exchange 1121 Baker Street Bakersfield, CA 93305 (661) 324-4921/ Fax (661)324-5364	

No Pre-bid meeting is scheduled for this project.

The County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. on the bid open date at the Merced County Public Works Administration Office, located at 345 W. 7th Street, Merced, CA 95340. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. The County will immediately open and publicly read the bids at the mentioned location after the specified closing time.

Present bidders' inquires in writing to Matiel Holloway, PE at the County of Merced - Department of Public Works, 345 West 7th Street, Building A, Merced, CA 95340; Email: Matiel.Holloway@countyofmerced.com. Questions about alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications, or estimates must be submitted in writing at least 4 days before bid opening. After this time, the County will not consider these questions as bid protests.

The federal minimum wage rates for this Contract as determined by the US Secretary of Labor are included in the Bid Book and are available at <http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx>. Prevailing wages are required on this Contract. The Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations determines the general prevailing wage rates. Obtain the wage rates at the DIR Web site, <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD>. If the minimum wage rates as determined by the US Secretary of Labor differs from the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the State of California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the bidder and their subcontractors must not pay less than the higher wage rate. The County does not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the federal wage determinations. This includes helper, or other classifications based on hours of experience, or any other classification not appearing in the federal wage rates determinations. Where federal wage rate determinations do not contain the State wage determination otherwise available for use by the bidder

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and their subcontractors, the bidder and their subcontractor must pay not less than the federal minimum wage rate most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free hotline to report bid rigging activities. Use the hotline to report bid rigging, bidder collusion, and other fraudulent activities. The hotline number is (800) 424-9071. The service is available 24 hours 7 days a week and is confidential and anonymous. The hotline is part of the DOT's effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General.

The successful bidder shall insure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against on the basis of age, color, race, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, sexual preference, marital status, and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

California Department of Transportation has made available Notices of Suspension and Proposed Debarment from the Federal Highway Administration. For a copy of the notices, go to www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esd/oe/contractor_info. Additional information is provided in the Excluded Parties List System at <http://www.epls.gov>.

The COUNTY OF MERCED reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals and to waive any informalities or irregularities in any bid or in the bidding.

County of Merced

Dana S. Hertfelder, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Date