

BID SOLICITATION NOTICE
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DISTRICT ONE

Bartow, Florida
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CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

Sealed bids will be received at District 1, State of Florida Department of Transportation, 801 North Broadway Ave., Bartow, Florida. Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. (Bartow Local Time) on Thursday, February 21, 2008 and will be opened and publicly read aloud in the Procurement Services Conference Room. Bids received after the deadline will be returned unopened to the bidding firm. Bidders may obtain preliminary bid results at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/cc-admin/>. Click on "Letting Results" and D1.

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ORDERING INSTRUCTIONS: BIDDERS MAY OBTAIN PLANS, SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND/OR BID DOCUMENTS BY FILLING OUT A FAX ORDER FORM AND FAXING IT TO (863) 519-2661. THIS FORM MAY BE DOWNLOADED AT WWW.DOT.STATE.FL.US/CONTRACTSADMINISTRATIONDISTRICT1.

BID SUBMITTAL: Submittal of these documents should be directed to the District Contracts Administrator, District Contracts Office, Mail Station 1-18, Florida Department of Transportation, 801 North Broadway, Bartow, Florida 33830, or PO Box 1249, Bartow, Florida 33831, Phone: (863) 519-2559. Checks should be made payable to the State of Florida Department of Transportation. No refund will be made.

ON-LINE BIDDING: District One Contracts Administration has initiated the BID EXPRESS (on-line) bidding System on **Construction** contracts. This new system will allow prequalified contractors to submit their "Bid" through internet bidding. Contractors must be register with Bid Express. To obtain a Digital ID please contact Bid Express at <http://www.bidx.com>. For more information on Bid Express, please visit the Contracts Administration Website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/cc-admin>. For all projects with a budget of \$5 million or more, the use of Bid Express is required.

VENDOR REGISTRATION: All vendors wishing to do business with any State agency must register at the following web site: <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/>. If you have questions, call 1-866-352-3776 for assistance.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS & PROPOSAL HOLDER LIST: Proposals will not be issued after 2:00 P.M. (Bartow Local Time) on Wednesday, February 20, 2008. Plan holders list will not be issued after 5:00 pm on Friday, February 15, 2008.

BID REJECTION: Bidders are hereby notified that all bids on any of the following projects 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 readvertising for bids until such time that a more competitive situation exists. The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

PROTEST RIGHTS: Pursuant to DOT Rule and 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. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. 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 pre-qualified 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 562, 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.

QUESTIONS: All questions for Maintenance Contracts prior to the bid due date are to be directed in writing to Cheryl Sanchious, District Contracts Administrator, 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, FL 33830 or Cheryl.sanchious@dot.state.fl.us.

(CONTRACT NO. E1G54-R0) COUNTY: Charlotte (D FUNDS): FINANCIAL PROJECT NO: 420882-1-72-01 The work specified in this contract consists of mowing & litter removal of the primary roads and storm-water ponds (Approx 365 Calendar Days). NOTE: PROJECT MANAGER: **Joni Pursell (239) 656-7885** joni.pursell@dot.state.fl.us BUDGET AMOUNT \$250,000.00. **NO CHARGE FOR PLANS AND SPECS.**

Maintenance contracts do not require a contractor to have a certificate of qualification. If deemed necessary by the Department, certain maintenance contracts will contain specific requirements for maintenance contractor eligibility.

In order for the Department to have the information required to determine a bidder's current capacity, it is necessary that the bidder submit on the day of the letting, a Certification of Current Capacity that shall be executed under oath and be accompanied and supported by a Status of Contracts on Hand Report. These documents must be included in at least one proposal for each letting that the contractor submits bids. Failure to submit these documents may result in a determination that all bids submitted by the contractor for that letting are non-responsive or irregular and not to be considered.

BID BOND: 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 per cent (5%) of the actual bid will invalidate the bid. Bid Bonds shall conform to DOT Form 375-020-09 furnished with the Proposal.

AWARD OF CONTRACT: If the Department decides to award the contract, the Department will award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, whose proposal complies with all the contract document requirements.

PAYMENT AND PERFORMANCE BOND: 100% Payment and Performance Bond will be required for all projects. All work is to be done in accordance with the Plans, Specifications, and Special Provisions of the State of Florida Department of Transportation.

PROPOSAL REVISIONS: The Department will accept legible facsimile (fax) proposal revisions pursuant to the project specifications at Fax No. (863) 534-7172 if received in full by 2:00 p.m. (Bartow Local Time) on the day of the letting. A faxed proposal revision will not be considered if received at a different fax number.

WAGE RATES: Pursuant to the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Minimum Wage Rates for the project(s) included in this Notice shall be \$6.67 per hour.

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, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and related authorities and 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 ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises and disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation. Further, the Department will not discriminate against bidders on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability/handicap in consideration for an award. No company will be awarded a contract unless they have an approved DBE Affirmative Action Program Plan. **Please review the "DBE Bid Package" and the Special Provisions for instructions for submission of a DBE Affirmative Action Plan.**

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability or family status.

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Miranda Dawson at (863) 519-2559 at least seven days prior to the meeting.

DEBARMENT/SUSPENSION: The following statement shall be included in all bids submitted to the Department: "By signing and submitting this proposal, we/I certify 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 in writing, the Summary of Bids for this project will be posted in the first floor lobby of the District One Headquarters Building, Florida Department of Transportation, District Office Complex, 801 North Broadway Avenue, Bartow, Florida 33830, at 5:00 PM, Tuesday, March 18, 2008 until 5:00 PM Friday, March 21, 2008 or by visiting our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict1>. The posting will provide notice of the Department's intent to award a contract or reject all bids. Any person adversely affected by the intended decision of the Department to award a contract or to reject all bids 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 affected 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. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Any person who files a notice of protest as to a notice of intent to reject all bids or to award a contract pursuant to this section 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 solicitation, bid rejection, or contract award that does not require qualification of bidders, the bond shall be \$2,500. All protests must be submitted in accordance with Section 337.11, Florida Statutes. The required notice of protest, bond and formal protest must each be timely filed with the Clerk of Agency Proceedings, Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 58, Room 562, 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.

PLAN HOLDERS: Interested parties can visit our internet web site at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict1> to obtain a listing of plan and special provision holders. Please note these listing are confidential, per 337.168, Florida Statutes, two working days prior to the deadline for obtaining bid documents. Therefore, this listing is removed from the web site three working days prior to the letting.

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS

BID RIGGING: 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. eastern 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.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION


Cheryl L. Sarchious
District Contracts Administrator

ANTICIPATED FUTURE PROJECTS

CONSTRUCTION

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COUNTY(IES)</u>
APR	Signing & pavement markings On US 92 Hillsborough County Line To Sloan Avenue	Polk
MAY	Signing & pavement markings SR 17 from Burns Avenue to SR 544	Polk
JUN	Signing & pavement markings	District Wide

MAINTENANCE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>COUNTY(IES)</u>
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To Be Determined.

Please note the contracts listed above are anticipated and are subject to change without notice depending on funds availability