

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST
FOR
A DESIGN BUILD PROJECT
(PROCUREMENT METHOD-LOW BID TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE)**

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DISTRICT 2
1109 S. Marion Avenue, Mail Station 2015
Lake City, Florida 32025-5874

PROCUREMENT NUMBER: E2O50

Financial Project #42830115201

Federal Project # ARRA 593 B

PROJECT NAME AND DESCRIPTION:

The Florida Department of Transportation (Department), District 2 has identified this Federal project for Design Build to construct four inch thick, five feet wide concrete sidewalk along the north side of West Castillo Drive beginning at the intersection with SR 5 (US 1) and continuing approximately 1,500 feet east to the intersection with SR 5A (San Marco Avenue), St. Johns County, FL.

Note: The RFP will contain Davis Bacon Wage Rate, FHWA 1273, Buy America and the monthly reporting information required by FHWA.

There will be no stipends for this project.

Prequalification for **Design** is: 3.1

Prequalification for **Construction** is: Sidewalk or Drainage

Budget estimate: \$290,000.00

ACTUAL COMMITMENT AND FINAL EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT IS CONTINGENT UPON AN APPROVED LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

SELECTION PROCEDURE: LOW BID TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

This project is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Sections 1201 and 1512 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act require states to fulfill employment reporting obligations for each ARRA funded project. The Design/Build Firm on each ARRA project will provide the initial employment reporting information within five calendar days after the notice to proceed is issued by the Department. Thereafter, the reporting information will be due on a monthly basis on or before the 10th of each month until completion of the contract. Design/Build Firms are required to provide the necessary employment information (employees, hours, and payroll wages) for their own workforce as well as the workforce of all subcontractors that are active on their ARRA funded project(s) for the reporting month. FDOT has automated the form which will be used to collect employment information. The prime contractor can access FDOT's ARRA Employment Reporting System from the following website:

www2.dot.state.fl.us/ARRAEmploymentReporting.

Failure to timely report the required information may be cause for rejection of the monthly invoice for contract payment. Please refer to the informational brochure available at the following link, which

provides summary information on the employment reporting requirements for ARRA:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/inspectorgeneral/ARRA/ARRABrochureFinalVersion.pdf>.

Additional training information on ARRA employment reporting can also be accessed at:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/inspectorgeneral/ARRA.shtm>.

Another critical reporting component is a requirement for prime consultants/contractors to have a Dun and Bradstreet (DUNS) number. This is a unique nine-digit firm identification number issued by Dun & Bradstreet. It is not the same as a firm's Tax ID Number. Design/Build Firms who don't already have a DUNS number can register for it thru the following website: <http://www.dnb.com/us/>

Design/Build Firms who do not already have a DUNS number should begin the application process. According to the D&B website, it takes a minimum of 30 business days for a new D&B DUNS Number to be processed.

DESIGN BUILD TEAM REQUIREMENT LIMITATIONS:

- The Contractor and Design professionals cannot be on more than one team for the project.
- The secondary member (i.e., Designer or Contractor) of the Design Build Team cannot change after award without written approval of the District Secretary.
- A Consultant shall not submit a proposal for CEI services, either as a Prime or a Sub, for a Design Build Contract for which the same consultant or its affiliate is the Engineer of Record (EOR) or is a Sub to the EOR.
- A Consultant, its affiliate, or Sub Consultant that is under contract with the Department to develop the Request for Proposal for a Design Build Contract cannot be a part of a Design Build Team proposing on that contract as a Prime or Sub Consultant.
- A Consultant, its affiliate, or Sub Consultant, that is under contract with the Department to provide Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI) services on the Design Build Contract cannot be a part of a Design Build Team proposing on that contract as a Prime or Sub Consultant.

RESPONSE PROCEDURE:

Firms interested in being considered for the project should request a project package (Project Criteria and Request for Proposal) by submitting the fax request form found on the District Two District Contracts website located at: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict2>. Project packages will be mailed to those firms that have requested them. Technical proposals with Bid packages must be submitted by 2:00 pm on the date indicated in the Calendar of Events. The technical proposal of the low bidder will be reviewed to determine its responsiveness. **(The submitting proposer with the named team shall be prequalified on the due date of the Technical with Price proposal.)** If the low bidder is found to be non-responsive, the next lowest bidder will be considered. A proposal will be considered non-responsive if it does not contain all of the information and level of detail requested in the RFP. Bid openings and public meetings will be held in district headquarters unless otherwise noted. The selection results will be posted on the Department's website (www.dot.state.fl.us/procurement) at the indicated date and time indicated in the advertisement. Note: The Department reserves the right to reject all proposals and/or to waive minor proposal irregularities.

PREQUALIFICATION:

Prequalification requirements for any Design Build Advertisement for the contractor and design professional members of the Design Build team must be prequalified in accordance with the following **(Rule Chapter 14-91 F.A.C.)**.

- 1 Contractors submitting as a **lead or primary party** with the design build team must be qualified in the advertised construction contractor work classes, in accordance with the provisions of **Rule Chapter 14-22, F.A.C.** In this case, where the design professional is not the lead of the design-build team, the design professional will be utilized to meet the professional consultant work type requirements, in accordance with provisions of **Rule 14-75, F.A.C.**

- 2 Design professionals submitting **as lead of the design-build team** may utilize subcontractors to meet the advertised construction contractor work class requirements, in accordance with the provisions of **Rule Chapter 14-22, F.A.C.** In this case, the lead design professional will meet the professional consultant work type requirements, in accordance with provisions of **Rule 14-75, F.A.C.**
- 3 When a joint venture party submits a Letter of Interest, one of the **contractor** members of the joint venture party must be assigned to meet the advertised construction contractor work class requirements, in accordance with the provisions of **Rule Chapter 14-22, F.A.C.** In this case, the design professional member of the team will be utilized to meet the professional consultant work type requirements, in accordance with provisions of **Rule 14-75, F.A.C.**

PROTEST RIGHTS:

Protest of the Advertisement of the Project:

Pursuant to Section 337.11, Florida Statutes, any person adversely affected by this advertisement for this project 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.

Protest of the Posting of Intended Decision:

Any person adversely affected by an intended decision of the Department to shortlist or award a contract or to reject all bids shall file both a notice of protest and bond within 72 hours after the posting of Bids. 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. Protests must be submitted in accordance with Section 337.11, Florida Statutes.

For either type of protest:

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 550, 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.

NOTE: A contractor must have a current certificate of qualification in accordance with Rule Chapter 14-22, F.A.C. on the due date of the Technical proposals and the sealed bid. In order for the Department to have the information required to determine a bidder's Current Capacity, it is necessary that the bidder enter his "Work Underway". This certification shall be accomplished electronically by submitting the Certification of Work Underway (Online Web Application) http://www.dot.state.fl.us/cc-admin/PreQual_Info/prequalified.shtm to the Department concurrently with the bid submittal for the first letting in the calendar month that the bidder submits a bid.

"Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120 Florida Statutes."

TECHNICAL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

Direct questions to: <http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/construction/bidquestionmain.asp>. Proposers are responsible for viewing the website and shall be familiar with all questions and responses posted on this website up to the due date of the Technical Proposal with the price package and are responsible for making necessary adjustments to the information to be presented.

DUE DATE FOR BID PROPOSALS WITH TECHNICAL PROPOSALS:

Bid proposals with technical proposals will be due to the District Contracts Office as advertised in the Calendar of Events on or before 2:00 p.m. No late bids with technical proposals will be accepted after the 2:00 p.m. deadline of the bid due date.

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Firms shall submit a bid proposal and a technical proposal. Bids will be opened and the technical proposal of the lowest bidder shall be evaluated by the FDOT to determine if it is responsive and responsible. If the proposal is deemed non-responsive or non responsible, the technical proposal of the next lowest bidder will be evaluated. The Department shall reserve the right to reject any and all proposals and waive minor proposal irregularities.

The Department shall determine the relative ability of the proposer to perform the services required for this project based on

- 14-22 and 14-75 prequalification information,
- Technical Proposal with other experience and other documentation of pertinent information requested.

DBE/MBE REQUIREMENTS:

- A DBE Affirmative Action Plan must be approved and on file prior to award of any contract.
- The Federal DBE program requires states to maintain a database of all firms that are participating, or attempting to participate on DOT assisted contracts. This list must include both DBE and NON DBE companies.
- The Bid Opportunity List form must be submitted with the RFP, (Note: The RFP and price are to be in separate packages.)
- The Anticipated DBE Participation Statement shall be submitted with the price proposal.
- The Design Build Firm is required to report monthly actual payments to subcontractors and suppliers.
- DBEs are encouraged to utilize the DBE Supportive Services Provider. Contact Blackmon Roberts at 863-802-1280 for assistance.
- The Department of Transportation has an overall eight point eighteen percent (8.18%) race-neutral DBE goal. This means that the State's goal is to spend at least 8.18% of the highway dollars with certified DBEs as prime Design Build Firms or as subcontractors or sub consultants. Race-neutral means that the Department believes that the 8.18% overall goal can be achieved through the normal competitive procurement process. The Department believes that this percentage can be realistically achieved.
- 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.**

BONDING REQUIREMENTS:

The Request for Proposal will have the following requirements in the documents:

Bid Bond:

At bid time, 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. A check or draft in an amount less than five percent (5%) of the actual bid will invalidate the bid proposal.

Performance and Payment Bond:

At award time the following is applicable:

The legal entity contracting with the Department will be required to provide the Department a performance and payment bond in the amount of the bid before execution of the contract. The successful proposer will be required to maintain in effect throughout the life of the contract a performance and payment bond for 100% of the contract amount. The Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Workers' Compensation Insurance:

Provide in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and in amounts sufficient to secure the benefits of the Florida Workers' Compensation Law for all employees. If subletting any of the work, ensure employees of the subcontractors are covered by similar insurance. Ensure that any equipment rental agreements that include operators who are employees of independent contractors, sole proprietorships or partners are covered by similar insurance. The Engineer will accept equivalent approved protection in lieu of insurance.

Contractors' Public Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance:

Furnish evidence to the Department that, with respect to the operations performed, regular Contractors' Public Liability Insurance providing for a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, one person and, subject to that limit for each person, a total limit of \$5,000,000 for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, two or more persons in any one occurrence; and regular Contractors' Property Damage Liability Insurance providing for a limit of not less than \$50,000 for all damages arising out of injury to, or destruction of, property in any one occurrence and, subject to that limit per occurrence, a total (or aggregate) limit of \$100,000 for all damages arising out of injury to, or destruction of, property during the policy period is carried.

Cause the Department to be an additional insured party on the Contractor's Public Liability and Property Damages Liability Insurance policies that insure the Contractor for the described work that it performs under the Contract.

Contractors' Protective Public Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance:

Furnish evidence to the Department that, with respect to the operations performed by subcontractors, regular Contractors' Protective Public Liability Insurance providing for a limit of not less than \$1,000,000

for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, one person and, subject to that limit for each person, a total limit of \$5,000,000 for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, two or more persons in any one occurrence; and regular Contractors' Protective Property Damage Liability Insurance providing for a limit of not less than \$50,000 for all damages arising out of injury to, or destruction of, property in any one occurrence and, subject to that limit per occurrence, a total (or aggregate) limit of \$100,000 for all damages arising out of injury to, or destruction of, property during the policy period is carried.

Cause the Department to be an additional insured party on the Contractor's Protective Public Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance policies that insure the Contractor for the described work that it performs under the Contract.

Insurance for Protection of Utility Owners:

When work under the Contract involves work on or in the vicinity of utility-owned property or facilities, furnish the Department with evidence that, with respect to the operations performed, General Comprehensive Liability Insurance or its equivalent providing for a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for bodily injury or death to person(s) per occurrence and \$300,000 property damage each occurrence is carried.

The Department and Utility Company are to be Additional Named Insured, and the policy will be primary to any coverage maintained by the Department or Company. Do not make any material change or cancellation to the policy without providing the Department with ten days prior written notice.

Submission and Approval of Policies; Termination: Certificates of such insurance shall be filed at the time of Contract execution with the District Contracts Administrator. These certificates shall contain a provision that coverages afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty (30) days after the Department accepts the work.

Professional Liability: The Design Firm shall have and maintain during the period of this Contract, professional liability insurance policy or policies with a company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida, affording professional liability coverage for the professional services to be rendered in accordance with this Agreement in the following amounts:

Total D-B Contract Price	Minimum Coverage Limits
Up to \$30 Million	\$1 Million coverage

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
District Two
LOW BID TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE - DESIGN BUILD, MINOR

Sidewalk on West Castillo Drive from SR 5 (US 1) to SR 5A/San Marco Avenue in St. Johns County

CONTRACT # E2O50
FINANCIAL PROJECT # 42830115201
FEDERAL PROJECT # ARRA 593 B
SCHEDULE (CALENDAR) OF EVENTS

Websites where advertisement and posting of public information will be:

Professional Services website:

<http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/procurement/ads/advdbld.htm>;

Vendor Bid System:

http://vbs.dms.state.fl.us/vbs/main_menu and

District Two District Contract website:

www.dot.state.fl.uscontractsadministrationdistrict2/

February 22, 2010 (Tuesday)	4:00 p.m.	Advertisement of Project
March 23, 2010 (Tuesday)	5:00 p.m.	Deadline for technical questions http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/construction/bidquestionmain.asp
March 26, 2010 (Friday)	5:00 p.m.	Deadline for FDOT to reply to technical questions
March 30, 2010 (Tuesday)	2:00 p.m.	Technical and price opening
April 6, 2010 (Tuesday)	8:30 a.m.	Technical Review meeting
April 13, 2010 (Tuesday)	8:30 a.m.	Presentation of bids to Executive Committee
April 13, 2010 (Tuesday)	4:00 p.m.	Posting Period begins
April 13, 2010 (Tuesday)		Award encumbrance to be requested and received
April 16, 2010 (Friday)	5:00 p.m.	Posting period to end
April 19, 2010 (Monday)		Project award by email for signing
April 28, 2010 (Wednesday)		Contract returned to FDOT for legal approval and execution
May 3, 2010 (Monday)		Execution of contract by FDOT
May 17, 2010 (Monday)		KICK OFF MEETING

Public Meetings to be held at the Florida Department of Transportation, District 2, located at 1109 S. Marion Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32025-5874

Anyone needing special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should send an e-mail to: patsy.elkins@dot.state.fl.us or call telephone number (386)758-3703. Special accommodation requests under the Americans with Disabilities Act should be made at least seven days prior to the public meeting.