

**BID SOLICITATION NOTICE
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE**

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Advertisement #1

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

Bids for projects with a budget of \$5 Million or more **MUST** be submitted using Bid Express only. No other means of submission of bids will be accepted. Please visit the Turnpike Contracts Administration Website at www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationturnpike for more information on Bid Express.

Bids for projects with a budget less than \$5 Million can be submitted using Bid Express, or can be submitted to the Turnpike Enterprise Headquarters, Department of Transportation, Turkey Lake Service Plaza, Florida's Turnpike, Milepost 263.0, Building 5315, Ocoee, Florida, 34761 until 2:30 P.M. (Local Time) on **Monday, the 18th day of February, 2008**, for the following work. A contractor desiring to bid for the performance of any construction contract in excess of \$250,000.00 must first be certified by the Department as qualified in accordance with Section 337.14(1), Florida Statutes, and Rule 14-22, Florida Administrative Code. Any bid for the performance of any construction contract in excess of \$250,000.00 submitted by a contractor not certified by the Department as qualified shall be declared "IRREGULAR" and will be REJECTED.

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.

THE DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOALS, IF APPLICABLE, FOR THESE PROJECTS ARE SHOWN ALONG WITH THE LENGTH AND DESCRIPTION IN THIS BID SOLICITATION NOTICE. PLEASE CHECK THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF DBE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS.

NOTE

Proposal Forms will not be issued after 2:30 P.M. (Orlando Local Time) on Friday, February 15, 2008.

All vendors wishing to do business with any State agency must register at the following web site:
<http://dms.myflorida.com/dms/purchasing/myfloridamarketplace>.

All work is to be done in accordance with the Plans, Specifications, and Special Provisions of the State of Florida Department of Transportation. There is a change in requesting plans and specifications, per Section 119.07(3)(ee), Florida Statutes. **PHONE ORDERS CAN NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED.** Requests for orders must be signed and submitted on Form 375-000-02, State of Florida Department of Transportation, FAX ORDER FORM. For orders that require no prepayment for plans and specifications, the signed Fax Order Form can be faxed to Windy Maloof at FAX 407-822-5821. For orders requiring prepayment, and you wish to pay by credit card, the signed Fax Order Form can be faxed to Windy Maloof at FAX 407-822-5821 with your credit card information. We accept **Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover ONLY**. If you wish to pay by check, mail the signed FAX ORDER FORM with your check, payable to the State of Florida Department of Transportation, to Windy Maloof, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, P.O. Box 613069, Ocoee, Florida, 34761 Location address (also overnight) Florida Turnpike Enterprise, Turkey Lake Service Plaza, MP. 263.0, Bldg. 5315, Ocoee, Florida 34761. Phone: (407) 264-3411, Fax (407) 822-5821. **Plans and Specifications for this project will cost \$5.00. They will be distributed via CD or DVD. No refund will be made.**

NOTE: For contract bid amounts up to \$500,000, bidders are hereby notified that the Department reserves the right to reject all bids if the lowest responsive bid exceeds the engineer's estimate by more than fifteen percent (15%) or is below the engineer's estimate by twenty-five percent (25%). For contract bid amounts greater than \$500,000, bidders are hereby notified that the Department reserves the right to reject all bids if the lowest responsive bid exceeds the engineer's estimate by more than ten percent (10%) or is below the engineer's estimate by twenty-five percent (25%). In the event any of the bids are rejected for this reason, the project may be deferred for re-advertising.

Pursuant to DOT Rule 14-25 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.

In order for the Department to have the information required to determine the current capacity of a Pre-Qualified bidder, 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. If the bid is submitted via Bid Express, these documents still must be submitted on or before the day of the letting. Submit these documents directly to the Florida Turnpike Headquarters at the following address: Florida Turnpike Enterprise, Turkey Lake Service Plaza, Milepost 263.0, Building 5315, Ocoee, Florida, 34761, ATTENTION: Richard Nethercote, Jr., District Contracts Administrator.

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 Surety Bid Bond made payable to the Florida Department of Transportation must accompany each bid in excess of \$150,000. A check or draft in an amount less than five percent (5%) of the actual bid will invalidate the bid. Bid Bonds shall conform to DOT Form 375-020-09 furnished with the Proposal forms. Surety2000 or SurePath electronic Bid Bond submittal may be used in conjunction with Bid Express internet bid submittal. For more information please visit <http://www.surety2000.com> for Surety2000 or <http://www.insurevision.com> for SurePath. To obtain a Digital ID please contact Bid Express at <http://www.bidx.com>.

The Department will accept legible facsimile (fax) proposal revisions pursuant to the project specifications at Fax No. 407/822-5821, if received in full by 2:30 P.M. (Eastern 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 Florida Minimum Wage Act, Article X, Section 24, Constitution of the State of Florida, the minimum wage for all hours worked in Florida shall be \$6.79 per hour effective January 1, 2008.

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.**

The following statement shall be included in all bids submitted to the Department: "By signing and submitting this proposal we/ 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 a federal department or agency."

CONTRACT NO. E8I61, FINANCIAL PROJECT NO. 422330-1-52-01 & 406090-9-52-01 COUNTIES: Orange Work consists of providing all labor, materials, equipment and incidentals necessary for widening the existing Beachline Expressway (SR 528) from four (4) lanes between Florida's Turnpike Mainline (SR 91) and McCoy Road. This project also includes improvements to the Turnpike Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) within these limits. Budget Amount: \$56,425,000.00 (Approx. 1,035 calendar days) **No Pre-Bid Conference. Contractor must be pre-qualified. Bids for this project MUST be submitted using Bid Express only. No other means of submission of bids will be accepted.**

For the purpose of bidding, the Department has established a maximum budget of \$56,425,000.00. This amount is not the Department's official cost estimate for the work but is the budgetary constraint established for this contract. Submission of a bid under the maximum budget is not a guarantee of contract award and cannot be interpreted as an appropriate or awardable bid amount. For this contract, the Department will reject as non-responsive any bid in which the contractor submits a bid in excess of the maximum budget amount shown

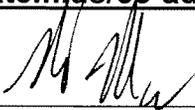
above. During preparation of the bid, if concerns regarding the Department's maximum budget arise, submit a letter of budget concern to Richard Nethercote, Jr. by February 5, 2008 (Fax 407-822-5821). The Department will review the letter of budget concern and determine its next course of action. This process is established to provide the opportunity for bid proposal holders for this contract to express budget constraint issues prior to submission of a bid.

FINAL EXECUTION OF ALL CONTRACTS IS CONTINGENT UPON AN APPROVED LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY.

Unless otherwise notified in writing, the Summary of Bids will be posted with the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, Turkey Lake Service Plaza, Florida's Turnpike, Milepost 263.0, Building 5315, Ocoee, Florida, 34761, on **March 11, 2008 by 5:00 P.M. Local Time**. By accessing the Florida Turnpike Enterprise Contracts Administration Website at www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationturnpike, or by calling the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, (407) 532-3999, ext. 3885 during the posting period, information concerning the posted projects can be obtained. 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 (1%) of the lowest bid submitted or \$5,000.00, 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 and DOT Rule 14-25. The required notice of protest, bond and formal protest must 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.

To obtain advertisements, bid tabulations, posting notices, pay items, addenda notifications and a listing of plan and special provision holders, visit the Turnpike Enterprise Website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationturnpike>, or Phone: (407) 264-3411 or fax request to (407) 822-5821. Plan Holder listings are confidential, per 337.168, Florida Statutes, two working days prior to the deadline for obtaining bid documents.

To get on the email subscription list, go to <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/cc-admin/bsnmail.asp>, and fill out the necessary information to "Subscribe."


Richard M. Nethercote, Jr.
District Contracts Administrator