**BID SOLICITATION NOTICE - Turnpike**
**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
**CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS**

Orlando, Florida
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Advertisement No. 1

Bids for construction 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 Contracts Administration Website at: http://www.dot.state.fl.us/cc-admin for more information on Bid Express.

Bids for construction projects with a budget of less than $5 million can be submitted using Bid Express or can be submitted at any of the following Florida Department of Transportation locations until 2:30 PM Local Time on **Tuesday, November 18, 2008**. For maintenance projects sealed bids will be received at the following location:

| Location | Address | Room Number |
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| Turnpike | FL Turnpike MP 263<br>Ocoee, Florida 34761 | Building 5315 |

The sealed bids received in the above referenced location(s) will be publicly opened and the Bid totals for each bid submitted will be read aloud at 2:30 PM **November 18, 2008** in the Turnpike Headquarters, Building 5315, Ocoee, Florida. Anyone needing special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 should send an e-mail to: contracts.admin@dot.state.fl.us or call telephone number (407) 264-3885 . Special accommodation requests under the Americans with Disabilities Act should be made at least seven days prior to the public meeting. If the bid amount is greater than $250,000.00 on construction projects, the contractor must be prequalified as required by Florida Statute 337.14(1) and Rule Chapter 14-22. Bidders may obtain preliminary bid results at: http://www3.dot.state.fl.us/TrnsportLASBidLetting/, select district then click on appropriate date.

## DEADLINE for PROPOSALS and PROPOSAL HOLDERS LIST

The deadline for obtaining bid packages shall be 24 hours prior to scheduled letting date. A list of plan holders may be obtained by visiting the District Contracts Administration website at: http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationturnpike/, and select letting date from the Turnpike Lettings Menu. Please note that the list of proposal holders is confidential two working days from the deadline for obtaining bid packages (or three working days prior to scheduled letting date) and the list of Proposal, Plan and Specification Holders will be deleted and no longer available, per Florida Statues 337.168(2).

**-----NOTE-----**
**Proposals will not be issued after 2:30 PM Local Time on Monday, November 17, 2008.**

| Document Ordering Information |
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| Unless otherwise specified, orders for these documents should be directed to Judy Hilliard,(407-264-3014) for Maintenance projects, Windy Maloof,(407-264-3411) for Contruction projects, Turnpike Headerquarters, Milepost 263.0, Florida Turnpike, Building 5315, Turkey Lake Service Plaza, Ocoee, Florida, 34761. Checks should be made payable to the State of Florida Department of Transportation. All orders must include a FAX Order Form (375-000-02) with your payment. **Contractors that want to charge to a credit card (American Express, Visa, MasterCard and Discover accepted) can FAX orders to (407) 264-3058 by using the Fax Order Form noted above**. Orders should be placed early enough to allow a minimum of three (3) working days for processing time and delivery. The Fax Order Form can be downloaded from http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationturnpike/. A current State of Florida Vendor Registration Number is required for order processing; please visit https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/ for more information or call 1-866-352-3776 for assistance. No refund will be made. Phone orders will no longer be accepted. If you wish to pick up your bid package, place your Fax order first and we will call you when it is ready for pick-up. |

## PREQUALIFICATION

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, unless stipulated in the project description and specifications. If deemed necessary by the Department, certain maintenance contracts will contain specific requirements for maintenance contractor eligibility.

## BID REJECTION

Bidders are hereby notified that the Department reserves the right to reject all bids 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 re-advertising. In addition, award of all federally funded projects will be subject to Federal Highway Administration concurrence.

## PROTEST RIGHTS

Pursuant to 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 prequalified 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 550, 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.

Pursuant to Section 337.11, Florida Statutes, any person adversely affected by a **bid rejection or contract award** 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 effected 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 bid rejection or contract award 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 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 rejection or contact award for which bidders are not required to be prequalified 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 550, 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.

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.

## INSURANCE

The successful bidder shall submit current general liability insurance and workman's compensation insurance certificates for the duration of the contract in the dollar amounts and manner specified in the most current edition of the Department's Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. Insurance companies must be authorized to do business in the State of Florida. Proof of such insurance shall be filed with the District Contracts and Procurement Office before the contract can be executed. BE SURE THAT THE CONTRACT NUMBER IS ON EACH INSURANCE CERTIFICATE.

## ADDENDA

No negotiations, decisions, or actions will be initiated or executed by a potential bidder as a result of any oral discussion with a State employee. Only those communications which are in writing from the Department will be considered as a duly authorized expression on behalf of the Department. Notices of changes (addenda) will be posted on the District Contracts Administration website at: http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationturnpike/, and select letting date from the Turnpike Lettings Menu. It is the responsibility of all potential bidders to monitor this site for any changing information prior to submitting their bid. **All addenda will be acknowledged by signature and subsequent submission of addenda with the bid when so stated in the addenda.**

## BID QUESTIONS

Direct questions regarding the advertised projects by posting them to the Department website at the following URL address: http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/construction/bidquestionmain.asp

## MAINTENANCE

PROPOSAL ID: **E8J46** PROJECT(S): 19076015201 (*) COUNTY: LAKE

DESCRIPTION:
The work specified in this contract consists of providing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary to replace the bridge (bridge No. 110068) pier protection at the Florida's Turnpike ramp to toll plaza and US 27. ATTENDANCE AT A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED TO BID ON THIS WORK. THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2008 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE OFFICE, MILE POST 65.0, FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE AT POMPANO BEACH SERVICE PLAZA, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, IN THE AUDITORIUM. Attendance is required for the entire duration of the Pre-Bid conference. All Bidders must be present and signed in prior to the start of a mandatory pre-bid meeting. The convener of the meeting will circulate the attendee sign-in sheet at the time the meeting is advertised to begin. Once everyone has signed, the sign-in sheet will be taken and the meeting will "Officially" start. Anyone not signed in at the "Official" start of the meeting will be considered late and will not be allowed to bid on the project. Anyone that does not attend the entire Pre-Bid conference will not be credited with attending. The Contractor shall supply to the Department and keep in force at all times during the term of this contract, a Performance Bond provided by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

- Contract Days: 45
- Budget Amount: $130,000.00
- Proposal Package Fee(plans+proposal): $0.00
- Plans Only Fee: $0.00
- Specs Only Fee: $0.00

PROPOSAL ID: **E8J48** PROJECT(S): 41957225201 (*) COUNTY: SUMTER

DESCRIPTION:
The work specified in this contract consists of providing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary to provide Thermoplastic pavement markings on Florida's Turnpike from Mile Post (MP) 297.795 to MP 308.443. ATTENDANCE AT A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED TO BID ON THIS WORK. THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE OFFICE, MILE POST 65.0, FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE AT POMPANO BEACH SERVICE PLAZA, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, IN THE AUDITORIUM. Attendance is required for the entire duration of the Pre-Bid conference. All Bidders must be present and signed in prior to the start of a mandatory pre-bid meeting. The convener of the meeting will circulate the attendee sign-in sheet at the time the meeting is advertised to begin. Once everyone has signed, the sign-in sheet will be taken and the meeting will Officially start. Anyone not signed in at the Official start of the meeting will be considered late and will not be allowed to bid on the project. Anyone that does not attend the entire Pre-Bid conference will not be credited with attending. The Contractor shall supply to the Department and keep in force at all times during the term of this contract, a Performance Bond provided by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

- Contract Days: 90
- Budget Amount: $150,000.00
- Proposal Package Fee(plans+proposal): $0.00
- Plans Only Fee: $0.00
- Specs Only Fee: $0.00

PROPOSAL ID: **E8J49-R0** PROJECT(S): 19284317207 (*) COUNTY: MIAMI-DADE BROWARD

DESCRIPTION:
The work specified in this contract consists of providing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary to perform power shearing of hedges and landscape maintenance of palms, trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses and ground cover, fertilizer application, chemical insect/disease control, weeding, herbicide application, mulching, litter pick-up, clearing and grubbing, at various locations on the Homestead Extension Florida's Turnpike, Milepost (MP) 0.0 to 46.5, and Florida's Turnpike, MP 0.0X to 73.0. ATTENDANCE AT A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED TO BID ON THIS WORK. THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2008 AT 11:00 A.M. AT THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE OFFICE, MILE POST 65.0, FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE AT POMPANO BEACH SERVICE PLAZA, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, IN THE AUDITORIUM. Attendance is required for the entire duration of the Pre-Bid conference. All Bidders must be present and signed in prior to the start of a mandatory pre-bid meeting. The convener of the meeting will circulate the attendee sign-in sheet at the time the meeting is advertised to begin. Once everyone has signed, the sign-in sheet will be taken and the meeting will "Officially" start. Anyone not signed in at the "Official" start of the meeting will be considered late and will not be allowed to bid on the project. Anyone that does not attend the entire Pre-Bid conference will not be credited with attending. The Contractor shall supply to the Department and keep in force at all times during the term of this contract, a Performance Bond provided by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

- Contract Days: 365
- Budget Amount: $250,000.00
- Proposal Package Fee(plans+proposal): $0.00
- Plans Only Fee: $0.00
- Specs Only Fee: $0.00

PROPOSAL ID: **E8J50-R0** PROJECT(S): 19284317208 (*) COUNTY: BROWARD PALM BEACH

DESCRIPTION:
The work specified in this contract consists of providing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary to perform power shearing of hedges and landscape maintenance of palms, trees, shrubs, ornamental grasses and ground cover, fertilizer application, chemical insect/disease control, weeding, herbicide application, mulching, litter pick-up, clearing and grubbing, at various locations on Florida's Turnpike, Milepost (MP) 73.0 to 100.0, and the Sawgrass Expressway, MP 0.0 to 22.5. ATTENDANCE AT A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED TO BID ON THIS WORK. THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2008 AT 11:00 A.M. AT THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE OFFICE, MILE POST 65.0, FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE AT POMPANO BEACH SERVICE PLAZA, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, IN THE AUDITORIUM. Attendance is required for the entire duration of the Pre-Bid conference. All Bidders must be present and signed in prior to the start of a mandatory pre-bid meeting. The convener of the meeting will circulate the attendee sign-in sheet at the time the meeting is advertised to begin. Once everyone has signed, the sign-in sheet will be taken and the meeting will "Officially" start. Anyone not signed in at the "Official" start of the meeting will be considered late and will not be allowed to bid on the project. Anyone that does not attend the entire Pre-Bid conference will not be credited with attending. The Contractor shall supply to the Department and keep in force at all times during the term of this contract, a Performance Bond provided by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

- Contract Days: 365
- Budget Amount: $250,000.00
- Proposal Package Fee(plans+proposal): $0.00
- Plans Only Fee: $0.00
- Specs Only Fee: $0.00

PROPOSAL ID: **E8J51** PROJECT(S): 19077415236 (*) COUNTY: PALM BEACH

DESCRIPTION:
The work specified in this contract consists of providing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary to remove ficus trees at various locations on Florida's Turnpike, from Mile Post (MP) 89 to MP 116. ATTENDANCE AT A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED TO BID ON THIS WORK. THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2008 AT 11:00 A.M. AT THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE OFFICE, MILE POST 65.0, FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE AT POMPANO BEACH SERVICE PLAZA, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, IN THE AUDITORIUM. Attendance is required for the entire duration of the Pre-Bid conference. All Bidders must be present and signed in prior to the start of a mandatory pre-bid meeting. The convener of the meeting will circulate the attendee sign-in sheet at the time the meeting is advertised to begin. Once everyone has signed, the sign-in sheet will be taken and the meeting will "Officially" start. Anyone not signed in at the "Official" start of the meeting will be considered late and will not be allowed to bid on the project. Anyone that does not attend the entire Pre-Bid conference will not be credited with attending. The Contractor shall supply to the Department and keep in force at all times during the term of this contract, a Performance Bond provided by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

- Contract Days: 120
- Budget Amount: $150,000.00
- Proposal Package Fee(plans+proposal): $0.00
- Plans Only Fee: $0.00
- Specs Only Fee: $0.00

PROPOSAL ID: **E8J52** PROJECT(S): 19073915211 (*) COUNTY: BROWARD PALM BEACH

DESCRIPTION:
The work specified in this contract consists of providing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary to provide fence rehabilitation at the following locations along Florida's Turnpike: Mile Post (MP) 59 northbound, MP 66 northbound, and MP 73 to MP 75 northbound. ATTENDANCE AT A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED TO BID ON THIS WORK. THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2008 AT 1:00 P.M. AT THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE OFFICE, MILE POST 65.0, FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE AT POMPANO BEACH SERVICE PLAZA, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, IN THE AUDITORIUM. Attendance is required for the entire duration of the Pre-Bid conference. All Bidders must be present and signed in prior to the start of a mandatory pre-bid meeting. The convener of the meeting will circulate the attendee sign-in sheet at the time the meeting is advertised to begin. Once everyone has signed, the sign-in sheet will be taken and the meeting will "Officially" start. Anyone not signed in at the "Official" start of the meeting will be considered late and will not be allowed to bid on the project. Anyone that does not attend the entire Pre-Bid conference will not be credited with attending. The Contractor shall supply to the Department and keep in force at all times during the term of this contract, a Performance Bond provided by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

- Contract Days: 120
- Budget Amount: $150,000.00
- Proposal Package Fee(plans+proposal): $0.00
- Plans Only Fee: $0.00
- Specs Only Fee: $0.00

PROPOSAL ID: **E8J53-R0** PROJECT(S): 40600417204 (*) COUNTY: PALM BEACH MARTIN ST LUCIE INDIAN RIVER

DESCRIPTION:
The work specified in this contract consists of providing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary to perform emergency incident response and service patrol, which includes emergency removal and disposal of non hazardous materials and dead animals on Florida's Turnpike, MP 100.0 to 200.0. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE AN OFFICE LOCATED WITHIN THE PALM BEACH/MARTIN COUNTY LINES AND ONE OFFICE WITHIN ST. LUCIE/OKEECHOBEE/INDIAN RIVER COUNTY LINES. THE OFFICES SHALL BE CAPABLE OF RESPONDING TO A WORKSITE WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME AND WITH ALL NECESSARY PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIALS, TO SET-UP, OPERATE, MAINTAIN, AND REMOVE TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES FOR THE ABOVE LISTED AREAS. SUBMIT OFFICE LOCATIONS WITH THE BID. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL HAVE AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF VERIFIABLE EXPERIENCE PERFORMING EMERGENCY INCIDENT RESPONSE AND SERVICE PATROL. EXPERIENCE VERIFICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE BID. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION WITH THE BID WILL MAKE THE BID NON-RESPONSIVE. ATTENDANCE AT A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED TO BID ON THIS WORK. THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2008 AT 2:00 P.M. AT THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE OFFICE, MILE POST 65.0, FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE AT POMPANO BEACH SERVICE PLAZA, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, IN THE AUDITORIUM. Attendance is required for the entire duration of the Pre-Bid conference. All Bidders must be present and signed in prior to the start of a mandatory pre-bid meeting. The convener of the meeting will circulate the attendee sign-in sheet at the time the meeting is advertised to begin. Once everyone has signed, the sign-in sheet will be taken and the meeting will "Officially" start. Anyone not signed in at the "Official" start of the meeting will be considered late and will not be allowed to bid on the project. Anyone that does not attend the entire Pre-Bid conference will not be credited with attending. The Contractor shall supply to the Department and keep in force at all times during the term of this contract, a Performance Bond provided by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

- Contract Days: 365
- Budget Amount: $120,000.00
- Proposal Package Fee(plans+proposal): $0.00
- Plans Only Fee: $0.00
- Specs Only Fee: $0.00

PROPOSAL ID: **E8J54-R0** PROJECT(S): 41495017204 (*) COUNTY: PALM BEACH MARTIN ST LUCIE INDIAN RIVER

DESCRIPTION:
The work specified in this contract consists of providing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary to control weeds and grass by chemical vegetation control at various locations on Florida's Turnpike, from Mile Post (MP) 100.0 to MP 200.0. ATTENDANCE AT A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE IS REQUIRED TO BID ON THIS WORK. THE PRE-BID CONFERENCE FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 10, 2008 AT 11:00 A.M. AT THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE OFFICE, MILE POST 65.0, FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE AT POMPANO BEACH SERVICE PLAZA, POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, IN THE AUDITORIUM. Attendance is required for the entire duration of the Pre-Bid conference. All Bidders must be present and signed in prior to the start of a mandatory pre-bid meeting. The convener of the meeting will circulate the attendee sign-in sheet at the time the meeting is advertised to begin. Once everyone has signed, the sign-in sheet will be taken and the meeting will "Officially" start. Anyone not signed in at the "Official" start of the meeting will be considered late and will not be allowed to bid on the project. Anyone that does not attend the entire Pre-Bid conference will not be credited with attending. The Contractor shall supply to the Department and keep in force at all times during the term of this contract, a Performance Bond provided by a surety authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

- Contract Days: 365
- Budget Amount: $100,000.00
- Proposal Package Fee(plans+proposal): $0.00
- Plans Only Fee: $0.00
- Specs Only Fee: $0.00

**BID BOND**

For bids over $150,000.00, the standard proposal guaranty of 5% of the bid will be required. 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 percent (5%) of the actual bid will invalidate the bid. The guaranty amount shall include all bid items except construction days for A+B bidding and lane closure for Lane Rental Bidding. Bid Bonds shall conform to DOT Form 375-020-09 furnished with the Proposal. 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.

## BIDDERS CURRENT CAPACITY

In order for the Department to have the information required to determine a bidder's Current Capacity, it is necessary that the bidder certify the total dollar amount of all work the bidder has 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.

## EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

Pursuant to Subsections 3-6 and 3-7 of the Standard Specifications, the successful bidder shall execute the necessary contract documents and return the agreement along with a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond within twenty (20) Calendar days of award unless noted otherwise in the project specifications. A 100% Payment and Performance Bond will be required for all projects unless noted otherwise in the project specifications. All work is to be done in accordance with the Plans, special Provisions of the State of Florida Department of Transportation.

Prior to execution of the contract with the Department, **a corporation must show proof that is authorized to do business in the State of Florida**. Florida corporations should provide a copy of the certificate of Incorporation and foreign corporations should provide a copy of Certificate of Authority from the Florida Department of State.

**Important note:** Actual commitment and final execution of the contract is contingent upon an approved legislative budget and funds availability.

## PROPOSAL REVISIONS

The Department will accept legible facsimile (fax) proposal revisions pursuant to the project specifications at Fax No. (407) 264-3058 if received in full by 2:30 PM Local Time on the day of the letting. A faxed proposal revision will not be considered if received at a different fax number. The bid/proposal must be received in the District Contracts and Procurement Office prior to receiving changes through the Fax.

## DBE PARTICIPATION

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Availability Goal Information is contained in the Bid Solicitation Package. Please complete, sign, and return the applicable "Anticipated DBE Participation Statement" form and the "DBE/MBE Bid Opportunity List" form which shall be submitted with bid as stipulated in the subject bid packages.

## DEBARMENT/SUSPENSION

All bids submitted to the Department shall include a statement that by signing and submitting this proposal, the bidder certifies 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.

## MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE

Proposal forms (bid packages) will be issued only to attendees of the mandatory pre-bid conference **(if there is a mandatory pre-bid conference for a project, see the project description for more information)**.

## LATE ARRIVALS TO MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETINGS

All bidders must be present and signed in prior to the start of the mandatory prebid meeting. Anyone not signed in at the commencement of the meeting will be considered late and will not be allowed to bid on the project.

## FIRST TIME BIDDERS

Bidders bidding for the first time with the Department can request an orientation meeting to obtain information about the bidding/contracting process. Contact the office listed for ordering plans. Please call (407) 264-3885 for further details.

## POSTING NOTICE

Unless otherwise notified by certified mail, express delivery, hand delivery, fax, or email, receipt acknowledgment, the Summary of Bids will be posted at the District Contracts Administration web site http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationturnpike/, and select letting date from the Turnpike Lettings Menu, on **December 02, 2008** or in the alternative **December 09, 2008**. Additionally a hard copy will be posted on the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, Florida Department of Transportation, Turkey Lake Service Plaza, Florida Turnpike, Milepost 263, Building 5315, Ocoee, Florida, 34761, and will remain posted for a period of seventy-two (72) hours. By calling (407) 264-3885, during each posting period, information concerning the posted projects can be obtained. The posting provides notice of the Department's intent to award a contract or reject all bids. The Department's Notice of Intent regarding a project will be posted on only one of the alternate posting dates. Bidders are solely responsible for timely monitoring or otherwise verifying on which of the specified alternate posting dates the posting of award or rejection of all bids actually occurs.

If the posting dates are revised, all bidders for the subject project will be notified of the Department's intended decision. Bidders must acknowledge receipt of the notice of the revised date.

## AFFIRMATIVE ACTION (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.**

## MINIMUM WAGE

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.

## EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION LIST

To get on the e-mail subscription list, go to http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/ContractsAdministration/bsnmail.asp and fill out the necessary information to "Subscribe". To obtain information concerning other districts, go to http://www.dot.state.fl.us/cc-admin/distco.shtm

**STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Richard M. Nethercote, Jr.**
**District Contracts Administrator**

## NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS

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. local 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.