ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDDERS/CONTRACTORS

SEALED BIDS

PROVIDE
SALT STORAGE BUILDING
Department of Transportation Region 6
Kanona, Steuben County

Sealed bids for Project Nos. 45096-C, 45096-E, comprising separate contracts for Construction Work and Electrical Work, Provide Salt Storage Building, DOT Region 6, Route 53, Kanona (Steuben County), NY, will be received by the Office of General Services (OGS), Design & Construction Group (D&C), Contract Administration, 35th Fl., Corning Tower, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12242, on behalf of the Department of Transportation, until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, when they will be publicly opened and read. Each bid must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders and must be accompanied by a certified check, bank check, or bid bond in the amount of $23,400 for C and $4,100 for E.

All successful bidders on a multiple trade project or the successful bidder with a bid over $200,000 on a single trade project, will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Bond in the statutory form of public bonds required by Sections 136 and 137 of the State Finance Law, each for 100% of the amount of the Contract estimated to be between $250,000 and $500,000 for C and between $25,000 and $50,000 for E. The requirement for Labor and Material and Performance Bonds may be waived on a bid under $200,000 on a single trade project.

Pursuant to State Finance Law § 139-j and § 139-k, this solicitation includes and imposes certain restrictions on communications between OGS D&C and a bidder during the procurement process. A bidder is restricted from making contacts from the earliest notice of intent to solicit offers through final award and approval of the Procurement Contract by OGS D&C and Office of the State Comptroller ("restricted period") to other than designated staff unless it is a contact that is included among certain statutory exceptions set forth in State Finance Law § 139-j(3)(a). Designated staff are Frank Peris and Carl Ruppert in the Bureau of Contract Awards, telephone (518) 474-0203, fax (518) 473-7862 and John Lewyckyj, Deputy Director, Design and Construction telephone (518) 474-0201, fax (518) 486-1650. OGS D&C employees are also required to obtain certain information when contacted during the restricted period and make a determination of the responsibility of the bidder pursuant to these two statutes. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in rejection for contract award and in the event of two findings within a 4 year period, the bidder is debarred from obtaining governmental Procurement Contracts. Bidders responding to this Advertisement must familiarize themselves with the new Legislative and State Finance Law requirements and will be expected to affirm that they understand and agree to comply on the bid form. Further information about these requirements can be found within the project manual or at: http://ogs.ny.gov/aboutogs/regulations/defaultAdvisoryCouncil.asp.

As a condition of award, within 48 hours of receipt of the proposed Contract Agreement from the State, the low bidder shall return the Contract Agreement to the State, properly executed, along with the Bonds if required by said Agreement. Low bidders who cannot meet these provisions may be subject to disqualification and forfeiture of the bid security.

The State intends to expedite award of this Contract and the Contractor shall be prepared to proceed with the Work accordingly. Bidders are warned that time is of the essence of the Contract and completion of the Work must be within 100 days after the Agreement is approved by the Comptroller. Due to the tightness of the construction schedule, bidders should consider the necessity for an increased work force and shift operations.

The only time prospective bidders will be allowed to visit the job site to take field measurements and examine existing conditions of the project area will be at 1:30 p.m. on September 24, 2015 at DOT Region 6, Steuben County, Route 53, Kanona, NY. Prospective bidders are urged to visit the site at this time. Prospective bidders or their representatives attending the pre-bid site visit will not be admitted on facility grounds without proper photo identification. Note that parking restrictions and security provisions will apply and all vehicles will be subject to search.

For assistance pertaining to the site visit only, please phone Lara Franzese (607)734-0592.

It is the policy of the State and the Office of General Services to encourage meaningful minority business enterprise participation in this project by contractors, subcontractors and suppliers who perform commercially useful functions under the Contract, and all bidders are expected to cooperate in implementing this policy.

The Office of General Services reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

The Bidding and Contract Documents for this Project are available on compact disc (CD) only, and may be obtained for an $8.00 deposit per set, plus a $2.00 per set shipping and handling fee. Contractors and other interested parties can order CD's on-line through a secure web interface available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Please use the following link at the OGS website for ordering and payment instructions: http://www.ogs.ny.gov/bu/dc/esb/acquirebid.asp.

For questions about purchase of bid documents, please send an e-mail to D&C.Plans@ogs.ny.gov, or call toll free at 1-877-647-7526.

For additional information on this project, please use the link below and then click on the project number: https://online.ogs.ny.gov/dnc/contractorConsultant/esb/ESBPlansAvailableIndex.asp.

By *John D. Lewyckyj, Deputy Director*
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