

**SONOMA COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS
SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA**

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS
FOR CONSTRUCTION OF**

**SPRING 2011
LAKEVILLE HIGHWAY
TREE REMOVAL**

County Project No. M07009

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Room 100A, 575 Administration Drive, Santa Rosa, California 95403 on May 25, 2011, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. (according to the wall clock in the reception area of the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors). They then will be transferred to a predetermined meeting room designated by the Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works where they will be publicly opened and read aloud by the Sonoma County Director of Transportation and Public Works or his designee. The Sonoma County Director of Public Works will review the bids and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to consider awarding the project within 60 days of bid opening.

The work to be done consists, in general, of removing approximately twenty four (24) eucalyptus trees, stump grinding, and pruning of approximately four (4) eucalyptus trees, and such other items or details, not mentioned above, that are required by the plans, Standard Specifications, or these Special Provisions shall be performed.

MANDATORY PRE-BID SITE VISIT. County will conduct a mandatory Pre-Bid Site Visit at 10:00 a.m. on May 17, 2011, at the job site located on Lakeville Highway between Old Lakeville Road No. 2 and Old Lakeville Road No. 3. As a condition to bidding, Bidders must attend the mandatory Pre-Bid Site Visit and sign an attendance roster as a condition to bidding.

The Pre-Bid Site Visit will not provide an opportunity for Bidders to have questions answered, but will be merely a showing of the Site and existing conditions. Bidders are encouraged, however, to submit written questions in connection with the Pre-Bid Site Visit. County will transmit to all parties recorded as having received Bidding Documents such Addenda as County in its discretion considers necessary in response to written questions. Bidders shall not rely on oral statements. Oral statements will not be binding or legally effective.

THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO THE "BUY AMERICA" PROVISIONS OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1982 AS AMENDED BY THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991.

At the time this contract is awarded, the Contractor shall possess a State of California Class D49 Tree Service Contractor license.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

The award of the contract, if awarded, will be to the lowest responsible bidder for whose proposal complies with all the requirements prescribed.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code §12990.

Specifications, and bid forms for bidding this project can only be obtained at the Sonoma County Department of Transportation and Public Works, 2300 County Center Drive, Suite B100, Santa Rosa, California 95403, upon payment of a nonrefundable printing service charge in the following amounts:

Specifications & Bid Book = \$25.00 (including sales tax)

Checks shall be made payable to the County of Sonoma, and shall be mailed or delivered in person to the Department of Transportation and Public Works.

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest.

Technical questions should be faxed to Greg Chiossi, Vegetation Specialist, at the Department of Transportation and Public Works, FAX: (707) 565-2620. **Only faxed requests will receive a response.**

The successful bidder shall furnish both a payment bond and a performance bond for the full amount of the contract.

The County of Sonoma affirms that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation.

Liquidated damages in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) will be assessed for each and every calendar days delay in finishing the work in excess of the number of working days prescribed in the contract.

Pursuant to Section 1770 and following of the Labor Code, the general prevailing rate of wages has been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. Bidders should contact the Department of Industrial Relations at (415) 703-4774 for General Prevailing Wage Rates on specific job classifications. Future effective wage rates which have been predetermined are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations and are

referenced but not printed in the General Prevailing Wage Rates. Bidders are advised that if they intend to use a craft or classification not on file on the general wage determinations, they may be required to pay the wage rate of that craft or classification most closely related to it as shown in the general determinations.

The U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free "hotline" service to report bid rigging activities. Bid rigging activities can be reported Mondays through Fridays, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Telephone No. 1-800-424-9071. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the "hotline" to report these 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.

The Board of Supervisors of the Sonoma County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defect or irregularity in bidding.