

**STATE OF TENNESSEE
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF
INTENT TO ADVERTISE FOR
STATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION BIDS
TO BE RECEIVED JUNE 18, 2021
COMPUTER-ASSISTED BIDDING (CAB) MANDATORY ON ALL CONTRACTS**

HAMILTON COUNTY (Contract No. CNV208)

Project No. STP-I-124-3(83), 33006-3136-44

The landscaping on I-124, from the I-24 Interchange to South of the Tennessee River Bridge.

Total Contract Length – 1.623 miles
Completion Time – TBD
The DBE goal for this contract is 7.5%.

STANDARD PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT

Prime contractors must pre-qualify with The Department of Transportation in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated 54-5-117, before bid authorization for highway contracts will be granted. PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS MUST HAVE FILED THEIR QUESTIONNAIRES FOR QUALIFICATIONS AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) DAYS PRECEDING THE DATE OF LETTING.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

Prime/joint venture contractors must participate in a pre-bid meeting to be held on May 26, 2021 from 10:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M., CST via remote conferencing. Participation in the remote conference is mandatory as part of these special pre-qualification requirements for prime contractors. Subcontractors are encouraged to participate but will be permitted to work as a subcontractor on this project if unable to attend. If you are bidding as a prime/joint venture or are a subcontractor wishing to participate, please send an email to ryan.sweeney@tn.gov. The email subject should state, “CNV208 Hamilton County I-124 Pre-Bid Attendee” and should include your Name, Company Name, Phone Number, Participation as a Prime or Sub, and an Email Address for the remote conference information to be sent. Emails will be received until May 25, 2021, at 4:00 PM, CST. Emails received after 4:00 PM, CST, will not be considered, and participants will be ineligible to participate in the meeting.

SPECIAL PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Due to the scope and schedule of work to be performed under the above contract(s), prime/joint venture contractors must also submit the special pre-qualification information that follows and obtain approval from the Department to be considered as pre-qualified and eligible to bid. THIS INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT BY NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. CST.

Contractors submitting as a joint venture will be evaluated as a composite of the participating firms. Data submitted must identify the role of the joint venture partners and to which of the partners the experience is related. Each party in a joint venture must be independently (standard) pre-qualified as indicated in this notice.

Contractors intending to pre-qualify as prime/joint venture contractor must provide the following information:

1. A list of all active projects (State, Federal, and Private) including current contract amount, proposed completion date and current project status.
2. If any active project is behind schedule by 15% or more, an explanation shall be submitted regarding the schedule delay. This explanation shall include contact information for the project owner.
3. Provide documentation of a minimum of seven (7) years experience in landscape planting and similar work.
4. Applicants’ experience shall include performance of landscape, irrigation system, and accent lighting installation either through self-performance or as the prime contractor.

5. Certification (notarized statement) from the prospective prime/joint venture's bonding company/agent that the prospective prime/joint venture has a bonding capacity of at least \$5 million above currently bonded projects. When submitting a bid, the prospective contractor shall be required to fully bond the project notwithstanding this requirement.
6. Certification (notarized statement) that no contract has been defaulted, terminated or negotiated to an agreed termination to avoid a default within the previous five (5) years of the advertisement date above.
7. Certification (notarized statement) that the prospective prime/joint venture contractor has not been suspended or debarred by any governmental authority within the previous five (5) years of the advertisement date above.
8. Identify the number of TOSHA/OSHA inspections, the number of citations issued, and the total dollar amount of citations for the most recent three (3) years.
9. Certification (notarized statement) that neither the prime contractor (or each partner in a joint venture) nor any of his proposed subcontractors have had a project fatality within the previous three (3) years of the advertisement date above. If the prime or any of his proposed subcontractors have a project fatality within the previous three (3) years, police reports, OSHA/TOSHA inspection reports, or other documentation detailing the incident shall be included.
10. Provide, at a conceptual level, an understanding of and approach to successfully delivering the project. Identify an understanding of any unique technical/constructability, safety, environmental, maintenance of traffic, scheduling/project management, etc. issues. (Maximum of two pages)

Supporting information for pre-qualification as required above shall be submitted in the order noted above including name, address, and telephone number of submitter, including the names(s) of Joint Venture partner(s) if applicable.

An electronic copy of the submittal package shall be emailed to ryan.sweeney@tn.gov. THIS INFORMATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT BY NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M. CST.

Include a transmittal letter which includes the name and address of the company submitting and the specific individual (with mailing address and telephone number) to be contacted relative to matters in the submittal. All submittals shall be addressed to:

Mr. Ryan Sweeney, P.E.
Tennessee Department of Transportation
James K. Polk Building, Suite 700
505 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN 37243-0326

The Department may also consider any of the following facts or information:

- a) The Department's performance evaluations of the applicant, if available;
- b) Information concerning the financial responsibility or business integrity of the applicant, affiliates of the applicant, and/or partners, owners, officers or authorized representatives of the applicant;
- c) The applicant or any affiliate has made false, deceptive or fraudulent statements in its prequalification application;
- d) The applicant or any affiliate has failed to complete, defaulted on or had any contract with the Department terminated for cause;
- e) The applicant or any affiliate has existing incomplete contracts with the Department on which it is behind schedule to such an extent that it might hinder or prevent prompt completion of any additional contracts with the Department;
- f) The applicant or any affiliate has a record of defective workmanship or the use of improper materials on any contract or subcontract with the Department;
- g) The applicant or any affiliate has a record of non-compliance with other Department contract requirements, including without limitation the submittal of required documents;
- h) The applicant or any affiliate has a record of non-compliance with applicable federal, state or local laws, regulations or ordinances, including without limitation laws, regulations or ordinances relating to workplace safety, environmental protection, equal opportunity employment and contracting, disadvantaged business enterprise program requirements, employee wage and hour requirements, or the prompt payment of subcontractors;
- i) The applicant has received an enforcement order finding a violation of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act, or any other state's water quality or water pollution control act;
- j) The applicant or any of its affiliates owes money to the Department;
- k) Any other information the Department may have requested, received or examined with respect to the applicant's responsibility and qualifications.

Evaluation of the prospective bidder's qualifications will be based on the information described above. Prospective bidders will be categorized as either "Qualified" or "Unqualified." The Department will be the sole judge of the eligibility of prospective bidders and reserves the right to refuse eligibility to any contractor which, in its opinion, is not qualified to successfully and satisfactorily complete the required work. Decisions regarding eligibility will be final. THE DEPARTMENT WILL ADVISE ALL PROSPECTIVE PRIME CONTRACTORS AND JOINT VENTURE CONTRACTORS OF THEIR QUALIFICATION STATUS BY FRIDY, JUNE 4, 2021 AT 4:00 P.M.CST.

All prime/joint venture contractors pre-qualified by the Department must obtain authorization to bid through the standard bid authorization procedure. BID AUTHORIZATION MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO 4:00 P.M. CST ON THE DAY PRECEDING THE LETTING.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the basis of age, race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or disability in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by the Department.

Sales tax will be added to the cost of the proposals, plans, standard specifications and standard drawings, if applicable.