CITY OF EL CENTRO

INVITATION FOR BIDS

FEDERAL PROJECT NO. ESPl-5169(028)
ADAMS AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS, IMPERIAL AVENUE TO LA BRUCHERIE AVENUE

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of El Centro is inviting bids for the ADAMS AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS IMPERIAL AVENUE TO LA BRUCHERIE AVENUE funded under the ARRA Program.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

This project involves cold milling existing street section to a predetermined depth, adding a 3/4” asphalt leveling course, a 3/8” ARAM, and 0.1’ ARHM at a 2700 foot portion of Adams Avenue between Imperial Avenue and La Brucherie Avenue in the City of El Centro, CA and construction of Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) curb, gutter, sidewalk, pedestrian ramps, and driveway approaches, along with the relocation and/or adjustment of existing water valves, sewer manholes and all appurtenant work as detailed in the plans and specifications. The completed portion of Adams Avenue will be restriped and marked per plan.

3. PROJECT SCHEDULE

To be completed within 60 WORKING DAYS after approval of contract.

4. PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

SEALED PROPOSAL will be accepted at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 1275 Main Street, El Centro, California until 2:00PM on Tuesday July 13, 2010, at which time all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A summary of the bids will be presented to the City Council at their meeting of Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the agenda permits, in the City Council Chambers, 1275 Main Street, El Centro, California.

Each bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the bidder, his/her address, and the name of the project for which the bid is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the bid form.

Copies of plans and specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Director of Public Works, at the above address, for a non-refundable fee of $40.00. Checks are to be made payable to the City of El Centro.

No bid will be received unless it is made on the prescribed bid form furnished by the Director of Public Works. Each bid must be accompanied by a guaranty of cash, certified check, and cashier check or bidders' bond made payable to the City of El Centro for an amount equal to at least ten percent of the bid. Such guaranty to be forfeited should the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fail to enter into the contract. All guaranties are to be returned after the contract is awarded.
The bid may be considered incomplete and be disqualified if any of the following information is not provided.

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1. On the bid form(s), the unit price items and total contract price must be written in words and figures. The words and figures shall appear on the blank spaces provided.

2. On page 97, Subcontractor’s Listing shall be completed. If no subcontractor will be used, indicate an "X" mark on the space provided for "No" subcontractor.

MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: Bidders are required to attend a pre-bid meeting which will be conducted by the City of El Centro RESIDENT ENGINEER at 10:00 A.M. on June 24, 2010. The meeting will be held at the City of El Centro, Public Works conference Room located at 307 W. Brighton Avenue, El Centro CA 92243. The object of the meeting is to acquaint bidders with the site conditions and mandatory bidding requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. At that meeting the City of El Centro’s Equal Opportunity Program goals and reporting procedures will be discussed.

QUESTIONS: Technical questions should be directed to the Office of the City Engineer, City of El Centro, California, telephone (760) 337- 5182.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS: The contractor shall possess a Class A license at the time this contract is awarded.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

The successful bidder shall furnish a payment bond and a performance bond.


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

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.

The City of El Centro 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.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at City of El Centro address and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations’ Internet web site at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD. The applicable Federal minimum wage rates as predetermined by the United
States Secretary of Labor are available in the City of El Centro's website under the section dedicated to this project which is found at http://www.cityofelcentro.org/rfps.html In addition, a copy may be examined at the offices described above where project plans, special provisions, and bid forms may be seen. Revisions to the applicable Federal Wage Rates, up to 10 days before bid opening, will be identified by the issuance of an addendum with the corresponding Internet Website address of where the revisions can be found. The final contract documents signed by the local agency and the contractor, will physically include the Federal Wage Rates, or the Federal Wage Rates as revised by addendums, if any such addendums have been issued. Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.

Attention is directed to the Federal minimum wage rate requirements in the Contract Documents. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The Department will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal minimum wage determinations. This includes "helper" (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations. Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate, which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

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 rigging, 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.

All bids are to be compared on the basis of the Director of Public Works estimate of the quantities of work to be done. A bid will only be accepted from a Contractor who is licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division 3, of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California as amended.

UNDERUTILIZED DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (UDBE)
Bidders are advised that, as required by federal law, the City of El Centro is implementing new Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements for Underutilized Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (UDBE). Section 2, "Proposal Requirements and Conditions," under subsection titled "Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)" and Section 5, "General," under subsection titled "Performance of Subcontractors" of the Federal Aid Project Special Provisions cover the UDBE requirements.

This project has a specific contract UDBE Contract goal of 7.5%


CITY'S RIGHT RESERVED: The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality in a bid, and to make awards in the interest of the City.

DATE: 6/7/10

CITY OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

END OF INVITATIONS FOR BIDS