CITY OF EL CENTRO

INVITATION FOR BIDS

(REvised PER ADDENDUM 2)

FEDERAL PROJECT NO. CML-5169(021)
TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE AND SYNCHRONIZATION

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The City of El Centro is inviting bids for the Traffic Signal Upgrade and Synchronization Project funded under the CMAQ Program.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The work shall include the installation of Video Detection Camera System, Signal Controller Upgrade, Wireless Communication System for signal interconnect and Battery Backup Systems at various signalized intersections on Imperial Avenue, 8th Street, La Brucherie Avenue, and Dogwood Avenue. Additional work includes the installation of a master signal computer and surveillance system at City Yard.

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 2pm on August 25th, 2009, 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 Wednesday, September 16th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. 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 $25.00. 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 fails to enter 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.

- Bid Form
- Bidder’s Bond
- Bid Agreement
- Bidder’s List of Subcontractors
- Worker’s Compensation Certificate
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Nonlobbying Certification
- Public Contract Code Section 10162 Questionnaire
- UDBE Information – Good Faith Efforts (15-H)
- Local Agency Bidder-DBE information (15-G2)

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 56, 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 Thursday July 16th, 2009. The meeting will be held at the City of El Centro, City Hall Conference Room “B” located at 1275 Main Street in El Centro. 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, UDBE goals and reporting procedures will be discussed.

A second mandatory pre-bid meeting will be conducted August 12th, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Public Works conference room, located at 307 W. Brighton Avenue, El Centro CA. Second meeting will cover the same information as the first. Bidders must have attended one of the mandatory pre-bid meetings, and the bidder’s company name must appear on one of the official attendance logs from either of the pre-bid meetings to submit a bid for this project.

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 either a Class A license or Class C – 10 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, or counties, 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 Federal minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor are set forth in the Bid book and in copies of this book that may be examined at the offices described above where project plans, special provisions, and bid forms may be seen. Addenda to modify the Federal minimum wage rates, if necessary, will be issued to holders of Bid book. 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 1.0%

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:_____________________        CITY OF EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA

Diane Caldwell, City Clerk

END OF INVITATIONS FOR BIDS