

CITY MERCED

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled:

**PROJECT NO. 113066 (5085-035)
CMAQ - TRAFFIC SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT**

will be received at the Office of the Purchasing Agent of the City of Merced, 2525 "O" Street, Merced, California, until **2:00 PM on August 13, 2015** at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

A **mandatory prebid conference** will be held at the Office of the Engineer, 678 West 18th Street, Merced, California, at **10:00 AM on July 29, 2015**.

Bidders are advised that, as required by federal law, the City of Merced is implementing new Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). The City of Merced DBE contract goal is **1%**.

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.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

All bidders will be required to have a valid **Class A or B** Contractor License issued by the State of California applicable to the work to be done.

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

Plans and specifications may be obtained for a nonrefundable fee of **\$60.00** per set at the Office of the Engineer, 678 West 18th Street, Merced, California.

The City Merced hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure 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 and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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 the Labor Compliance Office at the offices of the District Director of Transportation for the district in which the work is situated. The Federal minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor are set forth in the books issued for bidding purposes entitled "Proposal and Contract," and in copies of this book that may be examined at the offices described above where project plans, special provisions, and proposal forms may be seen. Addenda to modify the Federal minimum wage rates, if necessary, will be issued

to holders of "Proposal and Contract" books. 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 books entitled "Proposal and Contract." 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, 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.

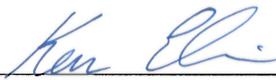
Bidders are advised that under Government Code Section 1126 officers and employees of the City of Merced are **not eligible** to bid on City contracts, to provide services or supplies to the City, or to enter into a lease or other agreements with the City. Any bid submitted by a City officer or employee, either individually or through a partnership, corporation, or other form of business entity or association, will be rejected and may subject the employee to discipline under the City's Personnel Rules, Article XIX Section 19.02.

The successful bidder must also meet the insurance requirements provided for in the bid documents. Failure to meet the insurance requirements will cause the City to withdraw any award and the successful bidder will forfeit their bid bond. A payment bond, performance bond, guaranty and all insurance required for this contract must be filed with the contract documents and approved by the City Attorney before the Contractor enters upon performance of the work. **Endorsement for additional insured shall be submitted on standard form CG 20101185. Endorsement forms CG 20101001 and CG 20371001, when used together, are acceptable in lieu of CG 20101185 for Public Works projects.** Failure to meet the requirements will result in forfeiture of bid security. **All Insurance required shall be from a California admitted insurance company.**

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

CITY OF MERCED

DATED: 7/20/15

BY: 
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