ADVERTISEMENT – ROAD & BRIDGE WORK NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals, addressed to "MERCER COUNTY COMMISSION" and endorsed "PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTING BRIDGE NO. 31800001, will be received by the Commission until 11:00a.m. on May 21, 2015 at the office of the County Clerk and at that time will be publicly opened and read. Bids should be delivered to: Mercer County Clerk, 802 E. Main Street, Princeton, MO 64673.

The proposed work includes: The removal of the existing bridge and the construction of a new double barrel reinforced concrete box culvert and all appurtenances. Each cell is 16' wide x 12.5' tall x 86.86' long. Also, the construction of a temporary crossing on the south side of the culvert. This project is being advertised concurrently with another bridge project in the County. The two projects may be awarded to one contractor or to separate contractors.

Special Needs: If you have special needs addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please notify the County Clerk at 660-748-4335 at least 5 working days prior to the bid opening you plan to attend.

The wage rates applicable to this project have been predetermined as required by law and are set forth in the bid proposal. When Federal wage rates are applicable and included, this contract is subject to the "Work Hours Act of 1962" (P.L. 87-581; Stat. 357) and implementing regulations.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109, and E.O. 11246

The County of Mercer hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals 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, religion, creed, sex, age, ancestry, or national origin in consideration for an award.

All bidders must be on MoDOT's Qualified Contractor List per Section 102.2 of the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, 2011 Edition including all revisions. The contractor questionnaire must be on file 7 days prior to bid opening. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Contractors and subcontractors who sign a contract to work on public works projects must provide a 10-hour OSHA construction safety program, or similar program approved by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to be completed by their on-site employees within sixty (60) days of beginning work on the construction project.

Plans and specifications are on file at the office of the Consulting Engineer, HOWE COMPANY, LLC., 1119 S. MISSOURI ST., SUITE A, MACON, MO. Complete instructions to bidders and proposal blanks may be obtained at the Engineers Office for a **nonrefundable** fee of \$50.00. The plans and specifications will be mailed upon payment of \$25.00 for shipping and handling, for a total of \$75.00 for each set. The shipping and handling charges will be waived if the prospective bidder contacts the Engineer with a valid account number for shipping services with United Parcel Service (UPS), so the shipping cost is billed to the bidder. Hard copies of the bid documents can be ordered by calling 660-395-4693. A PDF version of the bid documents may be obtained from www.buyplans.net for a nonrefundable fee of \$50.00 paid through PAYPAL. Bidders must obtain their bid documents from either Howe Company, LLC., or www.buyplans.net and be plan holders in order to bid the project. All proposals must be on the forms provided in the bid documents.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. A certified or cashier's check or a bid bond in the amount of 5% shall be submitted with each proposal. The DBE goal for this project is _7_<u>%</u>. No 2nd tier subcontracting will be allowed on this project.

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder who provides the lowest price complying with the Conditions of the Contract Documents within the Owner's budget.