NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Public Works of the City of Joplin, Missouri, will accept sealed bids for the following improvements in the City of Joplin, Missouri:

Tornado Damaged Signal & Lighting Replacement

This work consists of installation and replacement of signal damaged and street lighting equipment at various locations in the designated tornado area.

Specifications are on file in the office of the Director of Public Works located at City Hall, 602 S. Main Street. Bids must be in the hands of said Director of Public Works before 10:00 A.M. on the 22nd day of October 2012 at which time will bids will be opened by the Director of Public Works at the Joplin City Hall, 602 S. Main Street, Joplin MO 64801 in the 3rd Floor Engineering Conference Room. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will take place on October 10, 2012 starting at 10:00 a.m. in the same location.

Specifications will follow the Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction – 2011 and the latest City of Joplin Standards. The City of Joplin Standards can be downloaded online at http://www.joplinmo.org/publicworks by clicking on the link at the bottom of the page or may be picked up in person at 602 S. Main Street, 4th floor Engineering Department. Bona fide general contractors may secure copies of the proposed Contract Documents from the office of the Director of Public Works. The prime contractor on this project must perform with its own organization not less than 30% of the total original contract price. The prime contractor must have a full responsive contractor questionnaire on file with the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening date. Second tier subcontractors will not be permitted on this project. It will be the responsibility of the contractor that his subcontractors do not in turn subcontract any portion of the work.

The wage rates applicable to this project have been predetermined as required by law and are set forth in the construction specifications and are to be considered as a part of this Notice to Contractors. If Federal Wage Rates are applicable the proposal must state the higher of two State or Federal Wages apply.

The successful bidder will have to sign an agreement that they are enrolled and participating in a Federal Work Authorization Program ("FWAP") that ensures that all of its employees or agents or subcontractors have the legal right to work in the United States, as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1324a(h)(3) and RSMo § 285.525-285.555, and that it will maintain this compliance for the entire duration of its contract with the City of Joplin, and will provide an Affidavit of Compliance to the City stating the same.

The City of Joplin 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.

Non-compliance to the bid submittal requirements shall make the bid nonresponsive and not eligible for award consideration. An acknowledgement of addenda must be received by the City for all issued addendums in order to be considered responsive.

The bid will be awarded to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder. No preference shall be given to contractors for business location.

Payment for this project will be made to the contractor in cash.

A bid bond or certified check for five percent of the total bid amount must accompany each bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish an indemnity bond in the amount of his bid and shall before entering on the work of said contract be licensed as a contractor of the City of Joplin, Missouri. The Director of Public Works reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Missouri law, 292.675 RSMO, requires the Contractor and its subcontractor(s) to provide a tenhour occupational safety and health administration (OSHA) construction safety program (or a similar program approved the Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations as a qualified substitute) for their on-site employees (laborers, workmen, drivers, equipment operators, and craftsmen) who have not previously completed such a program and are directly engaged in actual construction of the improvement (or working at a nearby or adjacent facility used for construction of the improvement). The Contractor and its subcontractor(s) shall require all such employees to complete this ten-hour program, pursuant to 292.675 RSMo, unless they hold documentation on their prior completion of said program. Penalties for non-compliance include Contractor forfeiture to City of Joplin in the amount of \$2,500, plus \$100 per contractor and subcontractor employee for each calendar day such employee is employed beyond the elapsed time period for required program completion under 292.675.RSMo.

The City of Joplin hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement. <u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprises</u> 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, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. Also, the contractor will be required to have an approved Affirmative Action Program. Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirement that an Affirmative Action Program must be adopted by the contractor and approved by the Affirmative Action Committee of the City of Joplin before the contract may be executed.

DAVID K. HERTZBERG, PE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS