## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids will be received by the St. Charles County Purchasing Manager, 201 North Second Street, Suite 541, St. Charles, Missouri 63301, until **10:00 A.M.**, (prevailing Central Time) on **October 5, 2020** and will thereafter be publicly opened and read aloud in Conference Room 534.

The proposed work includes the furnishing of materials, tools, equipment and labor necessary to construct MO 364 at Heritage Crossing CMAQ 7302(679) in St. Charles County, Missouri.

The construction shall include all work incidental to the furnishing of materials, tools, equipment and labor necessary to construct the proposed earthwork, roadway construction, storm sewer improvements, signal and lighting improvements, and other appurtenances in St. Charles County, Missouri.

Plans and specifications, including the bid form, may be downloaded from St. Charles County's "Open Bids" webpage on the County website at <a href="http://www.sccmo.org/bids.aspx">http://www.sccmo.org/bids.aspx</a> beginning September 8, 2020.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a Cashier's Check or Certified Check, or a Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an approved Surety Company and payable to the County, in an amount not less than Five Percent (5%) of the Sum Total of the Base Bid.

All labor used in the construction of this public improvement shall be paid a wage no less than the prevailing hourly rate of wages of work of a similar character in this locality as established by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (Federal Wage Rate), or state wage rate, whichever is higher.

The DBE goal for this letting is a minimum of <u>10%</u> of the total contract amount.

TRAINEES: The number of trainee hours provided under this contract will be zero (0) hours.

All contractors and subcontractors are subject to and must comply with the Safety Program Training requirements of Section 292.675 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

All requests for clarifications on these bidding documents must be received in writing at least one week prior to the bid opening.

All bidders must meet the MoDOT requirements as a CONTRACTOR at least seven (7) days prior to bid opening in accordance with Section 102.2 of the St. Charles County Standard Specifications for Arterial Highway Construction.

A Performance Bond and Payment and Materials Bond are required.

The project will be awarded to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder.

The COUNTY reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive informalities therein to determine the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, and to approve the bond. No Bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the specified time for receipt of Bids.

The COUNTY intends to issue a *Conditional* Notice to Proceed on or about **November 16, 2020**. The COUNTY intends to issue a *Full* Notice to Proceed on **February 1, 2021** from which time the calendar day countdown will begin. August 31, 2020. *Note: Conditional Notice to Proceed will be limited to material procurement only. The Contractor shall order materials with long procurement timeframes, such as signal equipment and sign trusses.* 

In accordance with the Missouri Prompt Pay Act (34.057 RSMo), the COUNTY may withhold payment for any reasons outline in RSMo 34.057, or as determined by the engineer.

No contractor guarantees or warranties will be allowed.

The County of St. Charles 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.

St. Charles County

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