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**INVITATION TO BIDS**

Sealed bids for the City of Festus, Missouri (hereinafter "Owner") Third Street Improvements, STP-2600(610) (hereinafter "Project") will be received by Festus City Hall, 711 West Main Street, Festus, Missouri 63028, until 2:00 p.m. local time, on Tuesday, November 17, 2020, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Scope of Work includes street improvements to Third Street within the City of Festus and provides for pavement preparation, asphalt overlay, concrete sidewalks, concrete curb and gutter, concrete driveways, street lighting, pavement striping, traffic control and other incidental items and work described in the Project Manual, or reasonably inferable therefrom. The City of Festus anticipates issuing notice to proceed in the spring of 2021.

Bid packages will be distributed electronically via an ftp link at no cost to the bidder. Hard copies will not be available for purchase. Bidders may make printed copies of the bid documents (plans, project manual, and a bid packet) at their own expense. When requesting the ftp link, you will be required to provide your company name, a contact person and phone number, a complete company address and an e-mail address to be added to the Plan Holders List and for receiving official bidding communications and addenda. If you are not on the Plan Holders List, you will not receive any addenda issued. To request the electronic ftp link, email Mike Spalding at mspalding@cochraneng.com. Project and bidding questions shall be conducted exclusively via e-mail. Any questions regarding this project must be submitted to: mspalding@cochraneng.com, by 4:00 pm local time on November 10, 2020. No written questions after this date or any verbal questions will be recognized.

A bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid amount must accompany each bid, in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

For a contractor to be awarded this project the contractor must have a fully responsive contractor questionnaire on file with the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission at least 7 days prior to the bid opening date. All bidders must be on MoDOT's Qualified Contractor List per Section 102.2 of the current Missouri Standard Specifications for Highway Construction. No Second Tier Subcontracting will be allowed.

The wage rates applicable to this project have been predetermined as required by law and are set forth in this specification. When Federal wage rates are applicable and included, this contract is subject to the "Work Hours Act of 1962", (P.L. 87-581: 76 Stat. 357) and implementing regulations. When state and federal wage rates are both required the higher of the two for each job classification shall be used.

Effective January 1, 2009 and pursuant to RSMo 285.530 (1), No business entity or employer shall knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien to perform work within the state of Missouri. The successful bidder must submit a sworn affidavit and documentation affirming the business entity's enrollment and participation in the federal work authorization program and that all of its employees working for the contracted services are not illegal immigrants.

Upon signing the contract, the successful contractor and any subcontractor performing the work shall provide a ten-hour Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) construction safety program for their on-site employees within sixty (60) days of beginning work on the construction project.

The City of Festus, Missouri 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.

The DBE Contract Goal for this project is 10%, and DBE firms must be certified by MoDOT to attain credit towards this contract goal. There is no On the Job Trainee goal.

**THE OWNER INTENDS TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST, RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER. THE OWNER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, AND TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE OWNER WITH MODOT'S CONSENT.**