

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

City of Columbia RFQ #38/2023 – Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission #FRE230000304

### Rail Road Rehabilitation for the COLT Railroad

**Bid Opening:** Sealed bids will be received by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Columbia, Missouri, at 701 E. Broadway, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor/Purchasing, Columbia, MO 65201 until: **2:00 pm, CT, Wednesday, February 8, 2023** for the bid referenced above to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to complete the project as described in the specifications.

**Submission:** Bid responses and proposals may be submitted online thorough the City of Columbia bidding website <https://www.como.gov/finance/vendors/bid-solicitations/>, excluding any original documents needed if/or as set forth in bid documents. Responses may be delivered via carrier service, USPS or if necessary drop off at City Hall by scheduling a time with Michelle Sorensen at (573) 874-6317. Bids shall be received in Purchasing and date stamped by the bid closing date and time. No faxed or e-mail responses shall be accepted.

**Pre-Bid Conference:** The pre-bid conference will be held **Wednesday January 18, 2023 at 10:00 am**, to address questions and concerns regarding the bid specifications and bid documents and view the site, if needed. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is strongly encouraged but not mandatory. **Meeting Place:** **COLT Railroad Transload Facility, 6501 North Brown Station Road, Columbia, MO 65202.** Bidders may choose to join virtually through Google Meet:

Meeting ID: [meet.google.com/yes-ybyi-zjt](https://meet.google.com/yes-ybyi-zjt)

Phone Numbers: (US)+1 314-474-3321

PIN: 725 790 941#

**Bonding:** Each Bidder shall submit an original bid bond on the bond form enclosed in the RFQ, in an amount of not less than 5% of the total bid amount (including all possible alternates), to the Division of Purchasing, prior to the bid closing date and time. Acceptable forms of Bid Bonds: 1.) Original Hard Paper Copy of the bond on the City of Columbia form included in the RFQ or a certified check, payable to the City of Columbia 2.) An Electronic Bid Bond, provided by Surety2000.com, (verified by an eleven-digit code which is generated by the Surety2000 system) and provided by the Contractor with his/her bid submission. Bid bonds, regardless of the format, must be issued by a surety company authorized to conduct business in the State of Missouri, and carrying a rating of A-6 or better as listed in the A.M. Best or equivalent rating guide. The bid bond shall guarantee good faith on the part of the Bidder, to enter into contract at the price bid, if accepted by the City.

**Accepting and Awarding Bids:** The contract will be awarded by the City to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder as soon as practical after the bid opening. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The City of Columbia 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, creed, sex, age, ancestry, or national origin in consideration for an award.

**Addendums:** Changes in the bid document, plans, wage orders will be issued in an addendum. Bidders shall note the changes outlined in the Addendum to the Request for Quotation and incorporate these changes in their submittal. Bidders shall attach a signed acknowledged copy of this addendum to their bid, if submitting a hard copy (via paper) or agree to the addendum electronically, by checking the box to the right of this field, if submitting their bid through this electronic bid system on line.

**Subcontracting:** No 2nd tier subcontracting allowed on this project

**Special needs:** If you have special needs addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please notify Michelle Sorensen at 573-874-6317 or through the Missouri Relay System TDD at 1-800-735-2966, at least five (5) working days prior to the bid opening you plan to attend.

**Prevailing Wage:** The wage rates applicable to this project have been predetermined as required by law and are set forth in the bid.

**OSHA 10:** Contractors and sub-contractors who sign a contract to work on a public works project 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.

**Material Testing and Certification:** All material testing and certifications shall be by a third party inspector as specified in the AREMA manual.

**Funding:** This project is partially financed through the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.