

CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for performing the following described work will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Torrance, California, until **3 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014** after which time they will be publicly opened and read at 3:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of said City:

**CONSTRUCTION OF
Stormwater Basin Enhancement Project, CIP No. I-102**

B2014-12

Plans, Bid Schedule and Specifications are available for viewing and printing by prospective bidders and subcontractors on the City's website at (<http://www.torranceca.gov/3239.htm>)

Those who only view and/or print the Plans, Bid Schedule and Specifications from the City's website will not be added to the City's Plan Holder list for this project.

The official Bidder's Submittal packet must be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, California at (310) 618-2870. There is no cost if obtained at City Hall. A payment of \$5 is required if requested by mail. The amount includes tax and is not refundable. A prospective bidder must provide to the City Clerk the firm's name, address, telephone and fax numbers, a contact person and a valid email address. This will ensure that your firm is listed as a "Plan Holder" and that you will be informed of any and all information issued subsequent to obtaining the official form of Proposal. Addenda will be issued only by email and only to those that provide the required information to the City Clerk. Receipt of any Addendum must be acknowledged by a bidder in its submitted form of Proposal. **If a bidder submits its Bidder's Submittal on forms other than the official Bidder's Submittal forms, the City may declare the bid as non-responsive.**

Full-size 24" x 36" Plans and a bound Specifications booklet may also be obtained at the same Office of the City Clerk, upon payment of **\$200** if obtained at City Hall, or payment of **\$250** if requested by mail. Both amounts include tax. Neither amount is refundable. The payment includes a copy of the official Bidder's Submittal packet. If requesting any item(s) by mail, please send check to the following:

**CITY OF TORRANCE
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
3031 TORRANCE BLVD
TORRANCE, CA 90509
ATTN: B2014-12**

Notice of Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference

The pre-bid conference will start promptly at the time and location listed below. You must arrive on time and stay for the entire conference No Exceptions

Location: City Yard, Public Works Large Conference Room
20500 Madrona Ave., Torrance CA 90503

Date: Wednesday; February 19, 2014

Time: 2:00pm, Pacific Time

The Engineer's estimate of the contract total is **\$4,000,000**. All work shall be completed within 188 working days from the date of the Notice to Proceed (NTP).

The Contractor shall provide reference for having completed at least one project that included the construction of riparian landscaping, i.e. landscaping to create a river, stream or wetland, of a minimum value of \$200,000 for the riparian landscaping portion of the project.

Per Division 2, Chapter 2 of the Torrance Municipal Code, the Torrance City Council may reject any and all bids, waive any informality or irregularity in such bids, and determine the lowest responsible bidder. No facsimile bids shall be accepted by the City.

The DBE Contract goal is 4 percent. Section D4 "Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)" on page B-2 addresses the DBE requirements.

The City of Torrance hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, underutilized disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation.

Substitution of securities for withheld funds is permitted per Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code.

The City has determined that a Class **A** Contractor's license is necessary to bid this project, but reserves the right to accept another Class at the sole discretion of either the Public Works Director or Engineer.

This project is using State and Federal funds and pursuant to Section 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code, the minimum prevailing rate of per diem wages for each craft, classification, or type of workman needed to execute the Contract shall be those determined by the Director of Industrial Relations of the State of California. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD>.

The Federal minimum wage rates for this project, as predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor, are set forth in the Bid book and in copies of this book that may be examined at the offices described above where project plans, special provisions, and bid forms may be seen. Addenda to modify the Federal minimum wage rates, if necessary, will be issued to holders of Bid book. Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.

Attention is directed to the Federal minimum wage rate requirements in Section G of this Bid book. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The Department will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal minimum wage determinations. This includes "helper" (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations. Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate, which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free "hotline" service to report bid rigging activities. Bid rigging activities can be reported Mondays through Fridays, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Telephone No. 1-800-424-9071. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the "hotline" to report these activities. The "hotline" is part of the DOT's continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

By order of the City Council of the City of Torrance, California.

For further information, please contact John Dettle, Engineering Manager in the Public Works Department at (310) 618-3059 or via the main office at (310) 781-6900