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This invitation is the official advertisement and solicitation for bids issued by the Illinois Department of Transportation to secure the performance of highway work by contract, airport work by contract and contract work solicited by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The Invitation for Bids is published in the Transportation Bulletin and is available on the Department's Internet website at <http://www.dot.il.gov> and through electronic subscription. Questions concerning this invitation should be directed to:

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NOTICE OF LETTING – November 7, 2008

1. **LETTING DUE DATE AND TIME FOR SUBMISSION AND OPENING OF BIDS.** The Department of Transportation is requesting offers in the form of sealed bids from responsible contractors to fill the State's needs as described in this invitation. Sealed bids for the contract items described herein will be accepted at the above address of the Chief Contract Official and at the auditorium in the Harry R. Hanley Building by U.S. Mail, delivery service or hand deposit until 10:00 a.m. prevailing local time **November 7, 2008**, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read. The Department will not open or read bids received after the stated opening date and time.
2. **RULES GOVERNING LETTING.** This letting is subject to and governed by the rules of the Department adopted at 44 Illinois Administrative Code 650 and 44 Illinois Administrative Code 660, and by the provisions of this invitation. Copies of the rules are available by contacting the above address of the Chief Contract Official.
3. **INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.** Read the following instructions carefully before submitting any bid. Failure to follow these instructions and the rules may result in the rejection of your bid. The Department reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive minor or immaterial irregularities, informalities or technicalities, to advertise for new bids, or to request confirmation or clarification from any bidder regarding a bid.

- (a) **CONTRACT ITEM DESCRIPTIONS.** A summary description of each contract item advertised in this invitation is given following these instructions by Item numbers. Bids shall be submitted by Item number. A contract number appears after the Item number. The contract number will also be shown on the contract documents for the contract that the Item number represents. The summary description provided for the proposed work, quantities and time for completion for each Item are for information only and are subject to the terms published in the contract documents for bidding.
- (b) **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR BIDDING.** Contract documents for bidding include a Notice to Bidders, Specifications, Proposal, Contract and Contract Bond document and a set of Plan documents. These documents may be separate or combined into one document. Contract documents for bidding applicable to each Item number advertised in this invitation may be examined at the above address of the Chief Contract Official. In addition, contract documents for bidding highway work may be examined at the respective District Offices in which the prospective work is located. The names and addresses of the District Engineers are as follows:

REGION	DISTRICT	ENGINEER	ADDRESS
1	1	D. M. O'Keefe	201 West Center Court, Schaumburg, IL 60196-1096
2	2	G. F. Ryan	819 Depot Avenue, Dixon, IL 61021-3546
2	3	G. F. Ryan	700 East Norris Drive, PO Box 697, Ottawa, IL 61350-0697
3	4	J. E. Crowe	401 Main Street, Peoria, IL 61602-1111
3	5	J. E. Crowe	13473 IL Hwy 133, PO Box 610, Paris, IL 61944-0610
4	6	R. L. Driskell	126 East Ash Street, Springfield, IL 62704-4792
4	7	R. L. Driskell	400 West Wabash, Effingham, IL 62401-2699
5	8	M. C. Lamie	1102 Eastport Plaza Dr., Collinsville, IL 62234-6198
5	9	M. C. Lamie	State Transportation Bldg., PO Box 100, Carbondale, IL 62901-0100

Contract documents for bidding will not be loaned to prospective bidders. Electronic plans and proposals may be downloaded from the Department's web site www.dot.il.gov.

- (c) **PREQUALIFICATION.** Any contractor desiring to bid shall be prequalified in accordance with the rules of the Department, adopted at 44 Illinois Administrative Code 650, prior to being granted Authorization to Bid. Prequalification may be waived for particular contract items. In such cases, the manner of determining bidder responsibility will be stated in the contract documents for bidding. Contractors who desire to become prequalified or to renew their prequalification for this letting must file with the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Construction, Room 322, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62764, a Contractor's Statement of Experience and Financial Condition no later than 4:30 p.m. prevailing local time, **October 17, 2008.** A Contractor will not be prequalified for this letting unless the statement is received before the time and day established.

- (d) AUTHORIZATION TO BID. Contractors planning to bid MUST request Authorization to Bid prior to 4:30 p.m. prevailing time November 5, 2008. No Authorization to Bid will be issued after that time. Requests for Authorization to Bid submitted by U.S. Mail or courier delivery will not be honored unless received prior to 4:30 p.m. prevailing local time November 5, 2008, at the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Construction, Room 322, 2300 South Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois 62764. A form to request authorization to bid is included in the Transportation Bulletin, and is entitled "Request for Authorization to Bid/or Not For Bid Status" (BDE 124 INT).
- (e) AFFIDAVIT OF AVAILABILITY. In addition to the Authorization to Bid, prospective bidders shall submit an Affidavit of Availability prior to 4:30 p.m. prevailing time November 5, 2008. The Affidavit must include all uncompleted contracts awarded to them and all low bids pending award for all public and private work using the prescribed format. The sworn statement relative to contracts and pending awards must be in complete detail, be properly signed and notarized. Facsimiles of the sworn statement will be accepted for analysis, but Authorization to Bid will be issued only upon receipt of a signed and properly completed original Affidavit of Availability. Any omission or misstatement of fact in the sworn statement will be considered as sufficient grounds for the disqualification of the bidder and the rejection of bids. Prospective bidders shall notify the Department within two working days of any low bids pending award or contracts awarded which might occur between the date of submission of the sworn statement and the date of letting. For your convenience, a form to report this information is included in the Transportation Bulletin, and is entitled "Affidavit of Availability" (BC 57). The form can also be downloaded from the department's Web Site at www.dot.il.gov/const/conforms.html.
- (f) JOINT VENTURES. The Transportation Bulletin includes a Special Notice Regarding Joint Ventures. The Special Notice explains the procedures for approval to bid as a joint venture. Prequalified contractors desiring to bid as a joint venture must submit the properly completed documentation no later than 4:30 p.m. prevailing local time October 31, 2008. The required joint venture forms are included in the Transportation Bulletin, and entitled "Request for Authorization to Bid/or Not For Bid Status" (BDE 124 INT), "Affidavit of Availability" (BC 57) and Certificate of Joint Venture" (BC 2267). The original BC 2267 must be submitted.
- (g) EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND SITE OF THE WORK. The bidder shall, before submitting a bid on any contract item, carefully examine the provisions of the contract documents for bidding and all contract documents referenced therein that comprise the contract as defined in Article 101.09 of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction. The bidder shall inspect in detail the site of the proposed work, investigate and become familiar with all the local conditions affecting the contract and the detailed requirements of construction.

If the Department has made a sub-surface examination of the site of the work, the borings, test pits, or other information pertaining thereto are available for examination by all bidders by written request to the office of the District Engineer of the district in which the work is to be performed. The availability of subsurface information from the Department is solely for the convenience and information of the bidder and shall not relieve the bidder of the duty to make, and the risk of making, examinations and investigations as required to assess conditions affecting the work. Any data furnished in the contract plans is for information only and does not constitute a part of the contract. The Department makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the information conveyed or as to any interpretations made from the data.

Submission of a bid shall be a conclusive assurance and warranty the bidder has made these examinations and the bidder understands all requirements for the performance of the work. If the bid is accepted, the bidder will be responsible for all errors in the proposal resulting from a failure or neglect to comply with these instructions. The Department will not be responsible for any costs, expenses, losses, or change in anticipated profits resulting from such failure or neglect of the bidder to make these examinations.

The bidder shall take no advantage of any error or omission in the proposal and advertised contract. Any prospective bidder who desires an explanation or interpretation of the plans, specifications, or any of the contract documents, shall request such in writing from the Central Bureau of Design and Environment at the above address of the Chief Contract Official. The request should be made in sufficient time to allow a written reply by the Department that can reach all prospective bidders before submission of their bids. Any reply given a prospective bidder concerning any of the contract documents, plans, and specifications will be furnished to all prospective bidders in the form determined by the Department including, but not limited to, an addendum, if the information is deemed by the Department to be necessary in submitting bids or if the Department concludes the information would aid competition. Oral explanations, interpretations, or instructions given before the submission of bids unless at a prebid conference will not be binding on the Department.

- (h) ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS. The Notice to Bidders, Specifications, Proposal, Contract and Contract Bond document for each contract item includes specific and additional information and instructions pertaining to submission of bids. That information should be carefully read and the instructions followed by the bidder.
- 4. IMPORTANT DATES FOR BIDDERS. All due dates published in this invitation are summarized for convenient reference by potential bidders on the page entitled "Important Dates for Bidders". Bidders are cautioned that all due dates are strictly enforced.
- 5. PART OF THE CONTRACT. This invitation is made part of the contract by operation of Article 101.09 of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

This invitation issued under the authority of the Department of Transportation, State of Illinois.

Milton R. Sees, P.E., Secretary of Transportation