

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT BIDDING PROPOSALS NO LATER THAN 9 A.M. LOCAL TIME, TUESDAY, September 28, 2010, to the Division of Transportation System Development for the highway work hereinafter described. Bidders must either submit electronic bids on the Internet through the Bid Express™ on-line bidding exchange or submit sealed bidding proposals on the day of the bid opening to Room 601 of the Hill Farms State Transportation Building, 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin. The bidding proposals received will then be publicly opened and the results available in Room 601.

Bidders wishing to submit their sealed bidding proposals by mail to the Bureau of Project Development may do so at their own risk. The correct mailing address is: Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation System Development, Bureau of Project Development, Room 601, P.O. Box 7916, Madison, Wisconsin, 53707-7916. The correct street address for shipping is: Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Division of Transportation System Development, Bureau of Project Development, Room 601, 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin, 53705. Bidders wishing to submit their sealed bidding proposals in person prior to the day of the bid opening shall submit them to the Bureau of Project Development in Room 601 of the Hill Farms State Transportation Building, 4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin.

The Bureau of Project Development will not open and will return all sealed proposals that are received later than the time identified above.

ELECTRONIC BIDDING. Normally all bids must be submitted electronically via Bid Express. However, **this requirement is waived for this ONE Proposal ONLY.**

PROPOSAL GUARANTY. With each sealed proposal, the bidder must include a properly executed bid bond or a cashier's check, certified check, bank's check, or postal money order in the amount designated on the Highway Work Proposal made payable to the Department. Certified checks shall be drawn on the account of the bidder submitting the proposal. The bidder may also satisfy the proposal guaranty requirements by having a properly executed annual bid bond on file with the Department.

For electronic bids submitted on the Internet, the bidder must satisfy the proposal guaranty requirements by having a properly executed annual bid bond on file with the Department.

PLANS AND SAMPLE PROPOSALS. The Department has plans and sample proposals for the work on file and available for office examination in the Bureau of Project Development in Madison and in its respective regional offices in whose territory the work is located.

Plans and proposals are available for downloading from the Department's Highway Construction Contract Information (HCCI) web site at <http://roadwaystandards.dot.wi.gov/hcci/index.shtm>. If you have difficulty downloading any of the documents, contact the Proposal Management Section at (608) 266-1631 to request a CD.

BIDDING PROPOSALS. BIDDERS MUST REQUEST BIDDING PROPOSALS ON THE PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM FURNISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT. BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT THEIR REQUEST TO THE BUREAU OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT NO LATER THAN 11:45 A.M. OF THE LAST BUSINESS DAY PRECEDING THE LETTING. BIDDERS MAY OBTAIN THE PROPOSAL REQUEST FORM AT THE BUREAU OF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN MADISON, AT <http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/forms/docs/dt1633.doc>, OR BY CALLING (608) 266-1631.

HOURS OF LABOR AND MINIMUM WAGE RATES. Pursuant to regulations provided by applicable federal and/or state laws, the hours of labor and minimum wage rates are set forth in the bidding proposals.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION. The Department hereby notifies all bidders that for all proposals hereinafter described in this advertisement, the Department will affirmatively insure that disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and they will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

APPRENTICE REQUIREMENTS. As a condition of performing work on all proposals hereinafter described in this advertisement, each contractor or subcontractor agrees to employ apprentices as set forth in the bidding proposals and pursuant to Executive Order #108.

AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION. Each bidder shall file a sworn statement executed by or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifying that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid. If the bidder fails to submit this sworn statement with the bid, the bidding proposal is irregular, and the Department will reject it.

For electronic bids submitted on the Internet, the bidder must satisfy the affidavit of non-collusion requirements by properly completing and submitting their bid through the Bid Express™ on-line bidding exchange.

For sealed proposals, the bidder must satisfy the affidavit of non-collusion requirements by signing the cover of the bidding proposal and having it properly notarized.

PRE-AWARD AUDIT AND PREQUALIFICATION REVIEW. A Pre-Award Audit and Prequalification Review of the potential successful bidder will be conducted by the department. The purpose of this review is to determine the bidder's ability to build the required equipment. The bidder will be required to produce evidence that he has performed work of a similar character in a satisfactory manner. The evidence shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas: Physical facilities; successful construction of similar vessels; supplier relationships; security; housekeeping; and providing reference.

SUMMARY SHEET

For your convenience, a summary sheet has been compiled to list the jobs under their classifications.

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

GRADING

CONCRETE PAVEMENT

ASPHALTIC PAVEMENT

STRUCTURES

BRIDGE PAINTING

INCIDENTAL CONSTRUCTION

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1. **Cassville Car Ferry Replacement, Cassville Wi (STH 133) to Turkey River Landing (USH 152);** Grant County; 5984-00-73, WISC 2010 878; Non-Highway; 0.000 Miles; Car Ferry Replacement, Towboat.

Guaranty Required: \$75,000.00

Estimate of Principal Items: Ferry Hull, 1 LS; Ferry Deck and Safety Equipment, 1 LS; Towboat Hull, 1 LS; Towboat Propulsion System, 1 LS; Towboat Mechanical, 1 LS; Towboat Electrical, 1 LS; Towboat Steering System, 1LS.

DBE Goal: DISC

Contract Completion Date: July 8, 2011

***** MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING *****

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting concerning this project will be held on September 9, 2010 at 9:00 AM, Central Daylight Time. Interested bidders must register for the meeting on or before September 1, 2010 by contacting Karen Richardson at (800) 908-5546, karenrichardson@kjohnsonengineers.com. Pre-Bid Meeting agenda will be as follows:

- Introductions
- Project Overview & Unique Features
- Administrative/ARRA Reporting Requirements
- Contractor Questions

Meeting topics to be discussed include WisDOT bidding procedures, post award qualification review, schedule, proprietary items/substitutions, ARRA reporting requirements, and any other topics as necessary. Contractors need to provide an email log-in to allow attendance and registration for the web cast. A simultaneous telephone and internet connection is required to attend the meeting from a remote location.

Questions regarding the Pre-Bid Meeting shall be directed to Karen Richardson at (800) 908-5546, karenrichardson@kjohnsonengineers.com

Contact Information: Karen Richardson, (800) 908-5546 /
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By order of:

Kevin Chesnik
Administrator
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