NOTICE OF CALL FOR BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by SKAGIT COUNTY that sealed bids will be received and publicly opened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 on **Monday, May 15, 2023, at the hour of 2:00 p.m.,** or as soon thereafter as possible. Attendance is in person in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon with the option to attend remote by computer, tablet or smartphone: <u>https://bit.ly/SkagitBoCCMtg</u> or by telephone: 1 (253) 215-8782; Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980 Passcode: 143573.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Skagit County Barrier Protection Project #ES78600-1 Federal Aid #HSIP-000S(625)

This Contract provides for the improvement of guardrail with guide post installation at targeted locations on three roads: Mud Lake Road, Baker Lake Road, and South Skagit Highway and other work, all in accordance with the attached Contract Plans, these Contract Provisions, and the Standard Specifications

The time limit for physical completion of work is a total of 15 WORKING DAYS. The Engineer's Estimate Range is \$378,856.00 - \$438,676.00.

The Contractor is alerted that this is a Federal funded project. The Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) mandatory goal of 19 percent (nineteen %) & 0 training hours has been established for this project. Certification is required.

Contractor and all subcontractors shall have a contractor's license to work in the State of Washington.

Information, copies of maps, plans, specifications, and addenda for this project will be available on-line beginning **April 20, 2023**, at <u>http://www.skagitcounty.net/rfp</u> or obtained at Skagit County Public Works Department, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, Washington: (360) 416-1400. Contractors who download plans and specifications are advised to e-mail <u>kelleym@co.skagit.wa.us</u> to be added to the plan holders list to receive any addenda that may be issued.

All technical questions regarding this project are to be submitted **no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27, 2023,** in writing to Devin Willard, Project Manager, or by e-mail to <u>dwillard@co.skagit.wa.us</u> with the subject line reading, **"Skagit County Barrier Protection Project**". All project specific questions and response to answers for this project will be available on-line as received. **All Addenda will be posted on-line for this Federal Aid Project by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2, 2023**. If further Addenda are required to be issued, the bid opening will be postponed.

All bid envelopes must be plainly marked on the outside, "**Skagit County Barrier Protection Project**". Sealed bids shall be received by one of the following delivery methods before **Monday**, **May 15**, **2023**, **at the hour of 2:00 p.m.** Proposals are to be submitted on the forms provided in the Bid Proposal Packet. Incomplete proposals and proposals received after the time fixed for the opening cannot be considered. Oral, telephonic, telegraphic, electronic or faxed proposals will not be accepted. All bidding shall be based upon compliance with the Contract Provisions and Plans.

- 1. **Hand delivered**: Bids delivered in person shall be received only at the office of the SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, Reception Desk, 1800 Continental Place, Suite 100, Mount Vernon, WA 98273-5625.
- 2. **Via mail**: Bids shall be mailed to the SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, 1800 Continental Place, Suite 100, Mount Vernon, WA 98273-5625.

BID GUARANTY: No bid will be considered unless accompanied by a surety company bid bond, or a certified or cashier's check payable to the order of Skagit County for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid. A Contract Bond covering performance and payment will be required with the contract. Federal Davis-Bacon Wage Rates and Washington State Prevailing Wage Rates apply to this contract and bidders are advised to consider this charge when tabulating bids. The higher rate applicable category shall be paid.

Skagit County reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and the right to waive any informalities or irregularities in any bid or in any bidding and to further award the Project to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder whose bid complies with all the prescribed formalities, as it best serves the interest of Skagit County. After the date and hour set for the opening of bids, no bidder may withdraw its bid unless the award of the contract is delayed for a period exceeding forty-five (45) calendar days following bid opening. All bidders agree to be bound by their bids until the expiration of this stated time period.

Skagit County, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

For questions regarding Skagit County's Title VI Program, you may contact the Public Works Department's Title VI Coordinator, Grace K. Kane, P.E., at (360) 416-1400.

The Board of Skagit County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS this ______ day of ______, 2023.

Clerk of the Board

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