



June 17, 2024

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS RFB NO. 23-24-34 NETWORK FIBER CONNECITON AT VISALIA ANIMAL CARE CENTER

SEALED BIDS will be received by the Visalia Purchasing Division, at 707 W. Acequia Avenue Visalia, CA 93291, until **2:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 24, 2024**, for the Network Fiber Connection Project at the Visalia Animal Care Center.

The City of Visalia Purchasing Division is soliciting Bids from qualified contractors to connect the Animal Center's network equipment to the City's data center utilizing fiber optic cable capable of providing gigabit or faster connectivity. The city currently has a 12-strand fiber optic cable that provides connectivity for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (7579 Avenue 288, Visalia, CA 93277) which terminates at the Airport Administration Office (801 Hangers Way, Visalia, CA 93277). There is a segment of this fiber optic cable that is closest to the Animal Care Center, the city would like to splice 6 strands of new fiber optic cable into the existing fiber segment to connect the Animal Care Center located at 29016 CA-99, Visalia, CA 93277.

Bids are being sought from contractors who have a proven record of experience in providing the services required by this Invitation to Bid.

This project is supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number SLFRP2005, awarded to City of Visalia by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Federal Funds being utilized for this project are American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA). All Federal procurement requirements provided in 2 CFR 200 shall be in effect.

2 CFR 200 link: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200?toc=1>

Project Budget: \$150,000

Informational Pre-Bid Meeting. An Informational Pre-Bid meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m. at the Visalia Animal Care Center: 29016 CA-99, Visalia, CA 93277**. This meeting is not mandatory, however, interested bidders are encouraged to attend. Information on the project will be available during the meetings and time is designated for Contractors to ask questions about the work/contract. It shall be the responsibility of the Contractor to have acquired full knowledge of the job site, scope of work and any problems or difficulties that may affect the work proposed.

Contract Dates: Tentative date of award: August 2024. Contractor must be able to begin the work as described within this bid upon receipt of the City's Notice to Proceed, issued in writing by the Purchasing Department.

Time of Completion Deadline: The entire project must be completed within sixty (60) calendar days from the effective date of the Notice to Proceed. The Notice to Proceed will be issued in writing by the Purchasing Department.

Funding: This project is being funded with federal funds and is subject to the payment of predetermined minimum wages mandated by the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931. A copy of the Federal wage rates is enclosed. 10 days before the closing date of the bid, the project manager will review the prevailing wage rates enclosed with this bid for updates. If changes are made, these will be included as an addendum to this bid request. **This project is subject to the payment of State and Federal wage rates, whichever rate is higher.**

Public Works Project: Bidders/Contractors must be registered with the State of California Department of Industrial Relations in compliance with SB854 which states: A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. Awarded Contractor will be required to furnish electronic payroll records for project to the Labor Commissioner.

Prevailing Wages: Under the requirements of Labor Code section 1782 passed by SB7 and in compliance with City of Visalia Ordinance 2014-13, this public works project is subject to (Federal and State) prevailing wages as specified in this document and attachments.

License Requirements: No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who is not duly licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III of the State of California Business and Professions Code and has a current Class A, General Engineering or a combination of C Licenses to perform all aspects of the work involved. Additional Department of Industrial Relations Requirements apply to this project and are included with this RFB.

Use of Subcontractors: Your proposal may include subcontractors and you should clearly delineate the responsibilities of each of those participants within your proposal. However, the City will recognize the party legally signing the Bid Proposal as prime contractor and contacting party, who, as such, will assume ultimate responsibility for ensuring compliance with the specifications, terms and conditions of the Invitation to Bid. Prime Contractor must perform at least 51% of the work.

The City hereby affirmatively agrees that Minority Business Enterprises and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this notice and will not be discriminated against on the basis of age, race, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status in any consideration leading to the award of contract.

DBE Goal: N/A

Buy American: This project is subject to the "BUY AMERICA" provisions of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 as amended by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991.

Business Tax Certificate: All Contractors and/or subcontractors shall be required to obtain a City of Visalia Business Tax Certificate. No payment will be made to any Contractor until such license is obtained.

Executive Order N-6-22 – Russia Sanctions On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to

Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law. By submitting a bid or proposal, Contractor represents that it is not a target of Economic Sanctions. Should the State determine Contractor is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for rejection of the Contractor's bid/proposal any time prior to contract execution, or, if determined after contract execution, shall be grounds for termination by the State.

Per the California Labor Code, the following statements are incorporated into RFB-23-24-34.

As set forth in CLC section 1771.1(a), all contractors and subcontractors must be currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to CLC section 1725.5 to be qualified to bid, be listed in a bid proposal, or perform any public work for the COV. Proof of registration for each contractor and subcontractor listed on the bid is required.

As set forth in CLC section 1771.4(a)(1), notice is given that this project is a public work, subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

As set forth in CLC section 1773, the COV shall obtain the general prevailing rate per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the public work is to be performed for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the contract from the Director of Industrial Relations. In accordance with labor code section 1773.2, this information is to be included in the bid specifications and in the contract itself.

As set forth in CLC section 1777.5(d), contractors awarded public works contracts who employ workers in any apprenticeable craft or trade in the performance of the contract shall employ apprentices in at least the ratio of one hour of apprentice work for every five hours of journeyman work. In accordance with CLC section 1777.5, apprentices are to be paid the prevailing wage for apprentices in the trade to which they are registered. California Labor Law can be found at: <http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>

This project will be subject to all applicable Federal and State Wage Determinations. The Contractor will be responsible for paying wages from the Federal and State Wage Determinations for all trades. The Contractor shall be responsible for paying the greatest wage between the Federal and State wage determinations. The wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at City of Visalia address and available from the following website links: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/PWD/index.htm> and <http://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx#0>.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at the office of the Purchasing Division and will be made available upon request and are 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.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

Pursuant to Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code (Section 10263 of the Public Contract Code for State Agencies), the Contractor may substitute securities for any money held by the Owner to insure performance of the contract. At the request and expense of the Contractor, securities equivalent to the amount withheld shall be deposited with the Owner or with a State or federally-chartered banks as an escrow agent, who shall return such securities to the Contractor upon satisfactory completion of the contract. Deposit of securities with an escrow agent shall be subject to written agreement in accordance with the provisions of Section 22300. The Owner shall not certify that the contract has been completed until at least 35 days after filing by the Owner of a Notice of Completion. Securities eligible for investment under this Section shall be limited to those listed in Section 16430 of the California Government Code, bank or savings and loan certificates of deposit, interest bearing demand deposit accounts, standby letters of credit, or any other security mutually agreed upon by the Contractor and the public agency.

The City of Visalia reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Project Path

