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 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

N O T I C E T O C O N T R A C T O R S

ONLINE ELECTRONIC BIDS for the project(s) listed below will be received by the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) at <https://www.bidx.com/maryland/main> until 12 Noon Eastern time on the date specified below for the Bid Opening, at which time they will be opened. The MDOT SHA hereby notifies all bidders that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority/ disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this notice and will not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, sexual identity, genetic information or disability in consideration for an award. Minority/ Disadvantaged business enterprises are encouraged to respond to this solicitation.

On Federally assisted projects, the bidder's attention is called to the Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246) which is a part of the contract proposal. All of these activities shall be done in accordance with Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, as amended.

It is the goal of MDOT SHA that Disadvantaged and/or Minority Business Enterprises participate in all Federal Aid and State contracts, as applicable. Each contract will contain a specific participation goal.

NOTICE: The bid documents are available only in electronic format. The documents are provided for viewing on the Bid Express website (<https://www.bidx.com/maryland/main>) for free. All bids must be submitted (electronically) at the Bid Express website above in proper form. No paper bids will be accepted for this contract. In order to submit bids, bidders must: designate an individual to submit bids on behalf of the bidding entity, register with Bid Express, during registration select Maryland Department of Transportation as the referring Agency, have a paid subscription to Bid Express' Internet Bidding Service, obtain an Info Tech Digital ID and request to bid in Maryland. Allow at least seven business days for approval and digital ID setup. Go to the following Link <https://www.bidx.com/> for additional information. Bidders may refer to the Contractors' Information Center on the SHA internet at www.roads.maryland.gov for additional information.

Counties: Carrol and Frederick Counties Cost of Plans: \$0.00
 Contract No.: AZ0715724 Classification: A
 Funding: Federal Bid Opening: July 15, 2021
 F.A.P. Number: AC-STBG-000B(453)E

Description: This project is for the Installation and Establishment of Trees, Shrubs, and Perennials in Carroll and Frederick Counties (District 7), following the substantial completion of specific roadway improvement parent projects in District 7. This work will also include miscellaneous landscape and vegetation management crew day work, vegetation management, turfgrass establishment, and meadow establishment associated with site preparation and same day stabilization. All landscape sites are within MDOT State Highway Administration's rights-of-way, in Easements held by MDOT SHA, or located on MD Department of Natural Resources property under a separate agreement within the parent contract.

Pre-Bid Conference: A "Pre-Bidding Session" will be conducted at 01:00 PM on Thursday, June 24, 2021. The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held remotely through Microsoft Teams.

Minimum wage rates for each Project, if applicable, have been pre-determined by law and are set forth in the Invitation for Bids (IFB). Bids must only be made upon the latest electronic proposal forms (and attachments) that are furnished by the Administration.

In accordance with State Finance and Procurement Title 13 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, no bid, performance or payment bonds are required for bids less than \$100,000.00. However, bids \$100,000.00 and above will not be considered unless a Bid Security is submitted as outlined in the Invitation for Bids. Bid Security shall equal at least five percent (5%) of the total amount bid. Also, the successful bidder will be required to supply Payment and Performance Bonds for all Contracts in excess of \$100,000.00.

The MDOT SHA reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

DATE: June 8, 2021

Tim Smith, P.E.
 Administrator