CITY OF VALLEJO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
ENGINEERING DIVISION

# NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT SEALED BIDS will be received at the office of the City Clerk, third floor, City Hall, Vallejo, California, during the business hours of 8:00 AM through 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, holidays excepted, until the hour of **2:00 p.m. on May 10, 2012,** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the City Council's Chamber of said City Hall for

DOWNTOWN VALLEJO STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 2 FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.: RPSTPLE 5030(052), City of Vallejo, County of Solano, California.

The work to be done includes: Roadway and sidewalk reconstruction, landscape, planting, and irrigation installation, storm drain system replacement, sewer lateral replacement, street lighting system replacement. The bidder shall include in his bid and provide all labor, tools and materials for a complete and working project in conformance with the intent shown on the drawings and specified herein.

Bidders are advised that, as required by federal law, the State has established a statewide overall DBE goal. This Agency Federal-aid contract is considered to be part of the statewide overall DBE goal. The City of Vallejo is required to report to Caltrans on DBE participation for all Federal-aid contracts each year so that attainment efforts may be evaluated.

The Underutilized Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (UDBE) goal for this project is 5.85%. Failure of the bidder to submit the required UDBE commitment at bid opening will be grounds for finding the bid nonresponsive. If the bidder has not met the UDBE goal, the bidder must submit Good Faith Efforts (GFE) documentation with the bid to establish that, before the bid, the bidder made adequate GFE to meet the goal. Only GFE directed towards obtaining participation by UDBEs will be considered.

The City of Vallejo affirms that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein. A pre-bid conference will be held May 1, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., in the Public Works Conference Room on the 4th Floor, City Hall, Vallejo, California. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities.

Time of completion of the work is 200 working days from the date stated on the Notice to Proceed work by the City.

Pursuant to Section 1700, and following, of the California Labor Code, the Contractor shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the

Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. Copies of such prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file at the office of the City Clerk, City of Vallejo, City Hall, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, California CA. Those copies shall be made available to any interested party upon request. The Contractor shall forfeit, as penalty to the City, Fifty Dollars ($50.00) for each calendar day or portion thereof, for each workman paid less than the stipulated prevailing rates for any work done under the contract by it or by any subcontractor under it, in violation of the provisions of such Labor Code.

The Contractor shall post a copy of the general prevailing rates per diem wages in a conspicuous place at the job site forthwith upon undertaking the public work called for herein. The Contractor shall also keep an accurate certified payroll record in accordance with requirements set forth in Section 1776 of the Labor Code of the State of California and these Contract Documents.

If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor and the general prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate. The Department will not accept lower State wage rates not specifically included in the Federal minimum wage determinations. This includes "helper" (or other classifications based on hours of experience) or any other classification not appearing in the Federal wage determinations. Where Federal wage determinations do not contain the State wage rate determination otherwise available for use by the Contractor and subcontractors, the Contractor and subcontractors shall pay not less than the Federal minimum wage rate, which most closely approximates the duties of the employees in question.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free “hotline” service to report bid rigging activities. Bid rigging activities can be reported Mondays through Fridays, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Telephone No. 1-800-424-9071. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the “hotline” to report these activities. The “hotline” is part of the DOT’s continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General. All information will be treated confidentially and caller anonymity will be respected.

Bidders are advised that this project is subject to all federal, state and local nondiscrimination laws including Vallejo Municipal Code sections 2.72.030 and 2.72.040.

The Plans, Specifications, Contract Documents and proposal forms may be obtained at the office of the Utilities/Public Works Director, City Hall, 4th Floor, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, California, with a charge of Seventy five dollars ($ 75)
which is not refundable.

No bid will be considered unless it is made on the proposal forms included in these Contract Documents. Each bid must be accompanied by cash, a cashier's check, certified check or bidder's bond made payable to the City of Vallejo in the amount of **ten**

**percent (10%)** of the total bid amount. Bid bonds shall be issued by a corporate surety duly admitted and authorized to issue bonds and undertakings by the State of California and on the form provided by the City of Vallejo.

The bid bonds for the three acceptable lowest bidders shall be retained until the City Council has awarded a contract to the successful bidder. All other bidder's bonds shall be returned to the bidder.

The Contractor shall be permitted to substitute designated securities for any moneys withheld by the City of Vallejo to insure performance under the Contract. This right of substitution shall be exercised in the manner and subject to the conditions specified in the Contract Documents. The provisions of Public Contract Code section 22300 are incorporated herein by reference as though set forth in full, and shall govern the substitution of securities and/or escrow account.

The City of Vallejo reserves the right to reject any or all bids or portions thereof, to accept a bid or portion thereof or to waive any minor irregularity.

Bidders and Contractor shall be licensed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 9, Division III, of the Business and Professions Code, Section 7000 et seq., known as the Contractors License Law. The license classification required for this project is **A**.

DAWN G. ABRAHAMSON
City Clerk

Dated: _____