

INVITATION TO BID
THE CENTRAL FLORIDA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Sealed Bids for the work generally described below will be received on August 13, 2019, in the headquarters office of the Central Florida Expressway Authority, 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, Florida 32807 until 1:30 p.m., Orlando local time, as shown on the time/date stamp clock at the receptionist's desk in the lobby. The clock will serve as the official instrument to determine when a bid is received. A submittal that is received after the date/time specified will be rejected. Rejection of a submittal under those circumstances shall not be the basis of a protest pursuant to the CFX Procedure for Resolution of Protests.

**SYSTEMWIDE LANDSCAPE WILDFLOWER PROGRAM
PROJECT 599-829; CONTRACT NO. 001580**

The work consists of providing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidentals necessary to perform the implementation of a wildflower program from the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) including but not limited to procurement of materials, installation, establishment, and maintenance of wildflower areas (WA's) throughout the CFX system.

The Contract time for this project will be three (3) years with an option to extend the Contract for Two (2) one-year renewal periods.

At the time of Bid submittal, Bidder as the "prime" contractor must have at least one documented record of successfully installing, establishing, and maintaining large scale roadside wildflower plantings from seed. Bidder shall submit reference form (PSR-10) with the Bid. Failure to submit the reference form (PSR-10) may result in rejection of the Bid.

Bidder shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

The Central Florida Expressway Authority, in accordance with the Provisions of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., the Florida Civil Rights Act of 1992, as amended, § 760.10 et seq., Fla. Stat. (1996), and other federal and state discrimination statutes, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, age, national origin, religion, and disability or handicap. CFX notifies all Bidders and individuals it requires and encourages equal employment opportunity for minority and women as employees and subcontractors.

CFX notifies all Bidders it encourages small, minority and women owned businesses to have full opportunity to submit Bids in response to this invitation and Bidders will not be discriminated against on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion or disability, or other protected status. CFX will require efforts be made to encourage participation of local minority and women business enterprises on contracts considered for an award. Bidders requiring assistance or information with

regard to DBE/MBE/WBE certification and utilization may contact the CFX Supplier Diversity Department at (407) 690-5000.

The D/M/WBE participation objective for this project is fifteen percent (15%). Only D/M/WBEs certified by one or more of the following agencies at the time the Bid is submitted may be counted toward the objective: Orange County, Florida; the City of Orlando, Florida; Florida Department of Transportation. Firms certified by the Florida Department of Transportation as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) will be accepted.

Bidders are advised that assistance in obtaining D/M/WBE contractors for Bid solicitations may be obtained from the following sources:

1. Florida Department of Transportation
Equal Opportunity Office
Phone 850/414-4747

2. Orange County M/WBE Department
69 East Pine Street
Orlando, Florida 32801
Phone 407/836-7317

3. City of Orlando
Minority Business Enterprises
City Hall, Seventh Floor
400 South Orange Avenue
Orlando, Florida 32801
Phone 407/246-2623

The CFX Executive Director may grant a partial or complete waiver of the D/M/WBE objectives for any contract due to consideration of property, public safety, and health, including financial impact to CFX.

From the first date of publication of this invitation, no person may contact any CFX Board Member, Officer or Employee with respect to this invitation or the services to be provided. Reference is made to the lobbying guidelines of CFX for further information regarding this Non-Solicitation Provision.

All work shall be done in accordance with the Bidding Documents of the Central Florida Expressway Authority.

It is CFX's intent to award the project to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. CFX specifically reserves the right to take a Bidder's past performance with the CFX (and others) into consideration in determining whether the Bidder and Bid are responsive, responsible and qualified and most advantageous to CFX.

By submitting its Bid, the Bidder is signifying its awareness and understanding that the Bid process will be subject in all respects to the provisions of applicable laws, rules and regulations and the policies of CFX (as they may be amended or modified from time to time).

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Section 119.07(1), upon the earlier to occur of (i) CFX's Notice of Award of the contract, or (ii) thirty days after Bid opening, all Bids submitted pursuant to this Invitation to Bid (including all components thereof and all other materials submitted in connection therewith) shall become public records. Thereafter (with very limited exceptions) all Bids, proposals, documents, letters, software and other materials submitted to CFX by on behalf of any Bidder (including material that a Bidder may consider confidential or proprietary) may be inspected, examined and copied by any person desiring to do so in accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 119. It is not necessary for any person to obtain the consent of CFX, or the Bidder, to exercise its right under Chapter 119.

Any person who is adversely affected by: (i) bid specifications, (ii) a notice of an intent to award or CFX action making the selection at a public meeting of the CFX Board, or (iii) an outcome of Pre-Award meeting and who wants to protest the requirements, specifications, project plans or other materials, the intent to award decision, an outcome of a Pre-Award meeting, or selection decision must comply with the proper procedures in the Central Florida Expressway Authority's Policy for Resolution of Protests, Policy: PROC 3.1, which is available for review upon request at the CFX Office, 4974 ORL Tower Road, Orlando, Florida. Failure to comply with Policy: PROC 3.1 shall constitute a waiver of any protest proceedings. A protest bond in the amount of \$5,000.00 will be required to protest the Bid package or Bid solicitation. A protest bond in the amount of \$5,000.00, or 1% of the lowest bid submitted, whichever is greater, will be required to protest a Notice of Intent to Award, or the CFX Board's selection determination. No protest bond is required to protest an outcome of a Pre-Award meeting

The Bidding Documents for this Project consist of the specifications and the construction plans set which may be downloaded from Doing Business With Us at <https://apps.cfxway.com/Procurement/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fProcurement> commencing July 9, 2019. Registration is required in order to download.

A pre-bid meeting will be held on July 24, 2019, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the CFX office at the address shown above. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss requirements of the project in an open forum. Although not mandatory, attendance at the pre-bid meeting is highly recommended.

Each Bid must be submitted in a separate sealed envelope with the name of the Bidder, Bidder's address, and the project number written on the outside. For information and question submission concerning this project during the Bidding process, email:

cfxproject599-829@cfxway.com

Proposals must be accompanied by a Proposal Guaranty or Cashier's Check, made payable to the Central Florida Expressway Authority, of not less than five percent (5%) of the total Bid. The

Guaranty shall be forfeited as liquidated damages if the Proposal is accepted and the Successful Bidder fails to execute the Contract under the conditions of the Proposal and said guaranty will be returned to the Successful Bidder upon the delivery of a satisfactory Public Construction Bond.

All Bids shall remain open for acceptance by CFX for ninety (90) calendar days after the day of the Bid opening. The right is reserved by CFX to reject any or all Bids.

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