

**State of Florida  
Department of Transportation**



INVITATION TO BID  
**Jupiter Bridge Pile Test**

**DOT-ITB-21-4004-JR**

**CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS:**

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**INVITATION TO BID REGISTRATION**

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**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM ASAP**

**E-MAIL TO Joe Ricardo at [D4CS@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:D4CS@dot.state.fl.us)**

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Bid Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Bid Due Date & Time (On or Before): \_\_\_\_\_

Potential bidders should notify our office by returning this Bid Registration Form as soon as possible after downloading. Complete the information below and e-mail this sheet only to the Florida Department of Transportation Procurement Office to the e-mail address above.

**THE INVITATION TO BID DOCUMENT YOU RECEIVED IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. Notice of changes (Addenda), will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System at [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com) , under this bid number (click on "BUSINESS", click on "Doing Business with the State", under "Everything for Vendors and Customers", click on "Vendor Bid System (VBS)", then click on "Search Advertisements", click on the drop-down arrow beside the box under Advertisement Type, select Competitive Solicitation, click on the drop-down arrow beside the box under Agency, select DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, then go to the bottom of the same page and click on Advertisement Search. It is the responsibility of all potential bidders to monitor this site for any changing information prior to submitting your bid.**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Internet E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

For further information on this process, e-mail: Joe Ricardo at [D4CS@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:D4CS@dot.state.fl.us)

# INTRODUCTION SECTION

## 1) INVITATION

The State of Florida Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the "Department") is soliciting written bids from qualified bidders to establish a contract to provide Jupiter Bridge Pile Test. It is anticipated that the term of the contract will begin on or about 11/30/2020 and be effective for 6 months thereafter.

The Bidder/Vendor awarded this project is not precluded from participating in the forthcoming construction procurement for the US-1 Bridge Replacement Project unless an administrative law judge decides otherwise.

For the purpose of this document, the term "bidder" means the bidder acting on their own behalf and those individuals, partnerships, firms, or corporations comprising the bidder team. The term "bid package" means the complete response of the bidder to the Invitation to Bid, including properly completed forms and supporting documentation. After the award, said bidder will be referred to as the "Vendor".

## 2) TIMELINE

Provided below is a list of critical dates and actions. These dates are subject to change. Notices of changes (Addenda) will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System at [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com) (click on "BUSINESS", click on "Doing Business with the State", under "Everything for Vendors and Customers", click on "Vendor Bid System (VBS)", click on "Search Advertisements") under this bid number. It is the responsibility of all potential bidders to monitor this site for any changing information prior to submitting your bid.

<b>ACTION / LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>LOCAL TIME</b>
<b>DEADLINE FOR TECHNICAL QUESTIONS -</b> There is no deadline for administrative questions.	<b>11-6-2020</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>BIDS DUE (ON OR BEFORE) -</b> Submit Electronically to: <a href="mailto:D4.Purch@dot.state.fl.us">D4.Purch@dot.state.fl.us</a>	<b>11-13-2020</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>PUBLIC OPENING -</b> <u>Please join this GoToMeeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone:</u> <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/215864157">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/215864157</a>  <u>You can also dial in using your phone:</u> (For supported devices, tap a one-touch number below to join instantly.) United States: +1 (872) 240-3212 - One-touch: <a href="tel:+18722403212,215864157#">tel:+18722403212,215864157#</a>  Access Code: 215-864-157	<b>11-13-2020</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>
<b>POSTING OF INTENDED DECISION/AWARD -</b>	<b>11-16-2020</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>

## 3) BID OPENING AGENDA

The sealed bids will be opened by the Department's Procurement Office personnel at the date, time and location in the Timeline. All bid openings are open to the public and will be conducted according to the following agenda:

Opening remarks – Approximate time of 2 minutes by Department Procurement Office personnel.

Public input period – To allow a maximum of 15 minutes total for public input related to the bid solicitation.

Bids opened – At conclusion of public input or 15 minutes, whichever occurs first, bids received timely will be opened with bidder's name and prices to be read aloud.

Adjourn - After all bids received timely have been opened, the meeting will be adjourned.

#### **4) SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS**

Any person with a qualified disability requiring special accommodations at a pre-bid conference, public meeting, and/or opening shall contact the contact person at the phone number, e-mail address or fax number provided on the title page at least five (5) working days prior to the event. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact this office by using the Florida Relay Services which can be reached at 1 (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### **1) MyFloridaMarketPlace**

BIDDERS MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S MYFLORIDAMARKETPLACE SYSTEM BY THE TIME AND DATE OF THE BID OPENING OR THEY MAY BE CONSIDERED NON-RESPONSIVE (see Special Condition 21). All prospective bidders that are not registered should go to <https://vendor.myfloridamarketplace.com/> to complete on-line registration, or call 1-866-352-3776 for assisted registration.

All payment(s) to the vendor resulting from this competitive solicitation **WILL** be subject to the MFMP Transaction Fee in accordance with the referenced Form PUR 1000 General Contract Condition #14. The Transaction Fees imposed shall be based upon the date of issuance of the payment.

### **2) Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS) W-9 REQUIREMENT**

The Florida Department of Financial Services (DFS) requires all vendors that do business with the state to submit an electronic Substitute Form W-9. Vendors must submit their W-9 forms electronically at <https://flvendor.myfloridacfo.com> to receive payments from the state. Contact the DFS Customer Service Desk at (850) 413-5519 or [FLW9@myfloridacfo.com](mailto:FLW9@myfloridacfo.com) with any questions.

### **3) QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

In accordance with section 287.057(23), Florida Statutes, respondents to this solicitation or persons acting on their behalf may not contact, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the agency posting the notice of intended award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, any employee or officer of the executive or legislative branch concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except in writing to the procurement officer or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response.

Any technical questions arising from this Invitation to Bid must be forwarded, in writing, to the procurement agent identified below. Questions must be received no later than the time and date reflected on the Timeline. The Department's written response to written inquiries submitted timely by bidders will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System at [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com) (click on "BUSINESS", click on "Doing Business with the State", under "Everything for Vendors and Customers", click on "Vendor Bid System (VBS)", click on "Search Advertisements"), under this bid number. It is the responsibility of all potential bidders to monitor this site for any changing information prior to submitting their bid.

**WRITTEN TECHNICAL QUESTIONS** should be submitted to: Joe Ricardo at [D4CS@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:D4CS@dot.state.fl.us)

Questions regarding administrative aspects of the bid process should be directed to the Procurement Agent in writing at the address above.

#### **4) ORAL INSTRUCTIONS / CHANGES TO THE INVITATION TO BID (ADDENDA)**

No negotiations, decisions, or actions will be initiated or executed by a bidder as a result of any oral discussions with a State employee. Only those communications which are in writing from the Department will be considered as a duly authorized expression on behalf of the Department.

Notices of changes (Addenda) will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System at [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com) (click on "BUSINESS", click on "Doing Business with the State", under "Everything for Vendors and Customers", click on "Vendor Bid System (VBS)", click on "Search Advertisements") under this bid number. It is the responsibility of all potential bidders to monitor this site for any changing information prior to submitting your bid. All Addenda will be acknowledged by signature and subsequent submission of Addenda with bid when so stated in the Addenda.

#### **5) DIVERSITY ACHIEVEMENT**

##### **MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE) UTILIZATION**

The Department, in accordance with *Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC 2000d- 2000d-4, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21*, Nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that the Department will affirmatively ensure

that in any contract/agreement entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded the full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

The Department encourages small, minority, women, and service-disabled veteran businesses to compete for Department contracts, both as "Vendor" and as subcontractors. The Department, its vendors, suppliers, and consultants should take all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that small, minority, women, and service-disabled veteran businesses have the opportunity to compete for and perform contract work for the Department in a nondiscriminatory environment. Bidders are requested to indicate their intention regarding MBE participation on the MBE Planned Utilization form and to submit the completed form with their Bid Sheet. The contract vendor will be asked to submit payment certification for MBE subcontractors used.

To request certification or to locate certified MBEs, call the Office of Supplier Diversity, Department of Management Services at (850) 487-0915, or access their MBE directory on the Internet at [www.osd.dms.state.fl.us/](http://www.osd.dms.state.fl.us/).

#### **6) SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Details of the services, information and items to be furnished by the Vendor are described in Exhibit "A", Scope of Services, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

#### **7) INTENDED AWARD**

The Department intends to award this contract to the responsive and responsible bidder that submits the lowest responsive bid. If the Department is confronted with identical pricing or scoring from multiple vendors, the Department shall determine the order of award using the following criteria, in the order of preference listed below (from highest priority to lowest priority):

1. Section 295.187(4), Florida Statutes; Veteran Business Enterprise
2. Section 287.087, Florida Statute; Drug Free Work Place
3. Section 287.057(11); Minority Business Enterprise

In the event that the application of the above referenced preferences does not resolve the identical replies, the Department shall determine the award by means of random drawing.

**8) PRE-BID CONFERENCE:** A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE HELD.

**9) QUALIFICATIONS**

9.1 GENERAL

Bidder must meet the following minimum qualifications:

9.1.1 The Vendor must be currently pre-qualified by the DEPARTMENT in accordance with Rule 14-22.003(3)(b), Florida Administrative Code in the following Work Class: Major Bridge.

9.2 BIDDER QUALIFICATIONS

See 9.1.1, above.

9.3 AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

In accordance with sections 607.1501, 605.0211(2)(b), and 620.9102, Florida Statutes, out of state corporations, out of state limited liability companies, and out of state limited partnerships must be authorized to do business in the State of Florida. Such authorization should be obtained by the bid due date and time, but in any case, must be obtained prior to the award of the contract. For authorization, contact:

Florida Department of State  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
(850) 245-6051

9.4 LICENSE TO CONDUCT SERVICES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

If the services being provided requires that individuals be licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation, such licenses should be obtained by the bid due date and time, but in any case, must be obtained prior to posting of the intended award of the contract.

For licensing, contact:

Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0797  
(850) 487-1395

**10) WARRANTY/SUBSTITUTIONS**

When performance of the services requires the supply of commodities, a warranty is required on all items provided against defective materials, workmanship, and failure to perform in accordance with required industry performance criteria, for a period of not less than ninety (90) days from the date of acceptance by the purchaser. Any deviation from this criterion must be documented in the bid response or the above statement shall prevail. Delivery of substitute commodities requires prior written approval from the ordering location.

Replacement of all materials found defective within the warranty period shall be made without cost to the purchaser, including transportation if applicable. All fees associated with restocking cancelled orders shall be the responsibility of the vendor.

All items provided during the performance of the contract found to be poorly manufactured will not be accepted, but returned to the vendor, at their expense, for replacement. Replacement of all items found defective shall be made without cost to the Department, including transportation, if applicable. As it may be impossible for each facility to inspect all items upon arrival, a reasonable opportunity must be given to these facilities for inspection of the items, and returning those that are defective.

## 11) LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Vendor shall not commence any work until they have obtained the following types of insurance, and certificates of such insurance have been received by the Department. Nor shall the Vendor allow any subcontractor to commence work on this project until all similar insurance required of the subcontractor has been so obtained. The Vendor shall submit the required Certificates of Insurance to the **Florida Department of Transportation, Procurement Office, [D4CS@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:D4CS@dot.state.fl.us)** within ten (10) days after the ending date of the period for posting the intended award decision.

The Vendor must carry and keep in force during the period of this contract a general liability insurance policy or policies with a company authorized to do business in the state of Florida, affording public liability insurance with combined bodily injury limits of at least **\$1,000,000.00** per person and **\$5,000,000.00** each occurrence, and property damage insurance of at least **\$1,000,000.00** each occurrence, for the services to be rendered in accordance with this contract.

With respect to any general liability insurance policy required pursuant to this Agreement, all such policies shall be issued by companies licensed to do business in the State of Florida. **The Vendor shall provide to the Department certificates showing the required coverage to be in effect with endorsements showing the Department to be an additional insured prior to commencing any work under this Contract.** The certificates and policies shall provide that in the event of any material change in or cancellation of the policies reflecting the required coverage, thirty days advance notice shall be given to the Department or as provided in accordance with Florida law.

The Department shall be exempt from, and in no way liable for, any sums of money which may represent a deductible in any insurance policy. The payment of such deductible shall be the sole responsibility of the Vendor or subcontractor providing such insurance. Policies that include Self Insured Retention (SIR) will not be accepted.

## 12) PERFORMANCE BOND

The intended award bidder shall provide the Department with a Performance Bond in the amount of the full amount of the bid. The Performance Bond shall be provided by a surety company authorized to do business in the state of Florida. The Performance Bond shall be executed and furnished to the Department prior to contract execution and no later than ten (10) days after the ending date of the period for posting the intended award decision, unless the Department extends the time period in writing. **Failure to provide the required Performance Bond (Form 375-040-27) to the Department within the aforementioned timeframe will void the Intended Award's bid and the Department will proceed in contracting with the next lowest responsive bidder.**

**The bidder must submit, with its bid, a current letter from a surety company or bonding agent authorized to do business in the state of Florida and written on company letterhead, to document the bidder's present ability to obtain a Performance Bond in the amount of the full amount of the bid.** Failure by the bidder to provide this letter with its bid will constitute a non-responsive determination for its bid. **Bids found to be non-responsive will not be considered**

## 13) METHOD OF COMPENSATION

LUMP SUM PAYMENT UPON COMPLETION

For the satisfactory performance of these services the Vendor shall be paid a Lump Sum Amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. Payment shall be made to the Vendor upon completion of all services, as approved by the Department.

**FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES:** Payment shall be made only after receipt and approval of goods and services unless advance payments are authorized by the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida under Chapters 215 and 216, Florida Statutes. Deliverable(s) must be received and accepted in writing by the Contract Manager on the Department's invoice transmittal forms prior to payment. If the Department determines that the performance of the Vendor is unsatisfactory, the Department shall notify the Vendor of the deficiency to be corrected, which correction shall be made within a time-frame to be specified by the Department. The Vendor shall, within five days after notice from the Department, provide the Department with a corrective action plan describing how the Vendor will address all issues of contract non-performance, unacceptable performance, failure to meet the minimum performance levels, deliverable deficiencies, or contract non-compliance. If the corrective action plan is unacceptable to the Department, the Vendor shall be assessed a non-performance retainage equivalent to 10% of the total invoice amount. The retainage shall be applied to the invoice for the then-current billing period. The retainage shall be withheld until the vendor resolves the deficiency. If the deficiency is subsequently resolved, the Vendor may bill the Department for the retained amount during the next billing period. If the Vendor is unable to resolve the deficiency, the funds retained may be forfeited at the end of the agreement period.

#### **DETAILS OF COSTS & FEES**

Details of the Vendor's billing rates for the performance of these services are contained in Exhibit "B", attached hereto and made a part hereof.

#### **TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY**

This contract does not involve the purchase of Tangible Personal Property, as defined in Chapter 273, F.S..

#### **14) CONTRACT DOCUMENT**

##### **PURCHASE ORDER**

The MyFloridaMarketPlace "Purchase Order Terms and Conditions" and the Department's "Purchase Order Terms & Conditions" are referenced or attached hereto and made a part hereof. The terms and conditions contained therein will become an integral part of each Purchase Order issued for this solicitation. In submitting a bid, the bidder agrees to be legally bound by these terms and conditions.

#### **15) REVIEW OF BIDDER'S FACILITIES & QUALIFICATIONS**

After the bid due date and prior to contract execution, the Department reserves the right to perform or to have performed, an on-site review of the bidder's facilities and qualifications. This review will serve to verify data and representations submitted by the bidder and may be used to determine whether the bidder has adequate facilities, equipment, qualified and experienced staff, and overall management capabilities to provide the required services. The review may also serve to verify whether the bidder has financial capabilities adequate to meet the contract requirements.

**Should** the Department determine that the bid package has material misrepresentations or that the size or nature of the bidder's facilities, equipment, management capabilities, or the number of experienced personnel (including technical staff) are not adequate to ensure satisfactory contract performance, the



Department has the right to reject the bid.

## **16) PROTEST OF INVITATION TO BID SPECIFICATIONS**

Any person who is adversely affected by the contents of this Invitation to Bid must file the following with the Department of Transportation, Clerk of Agency Proceedings, Office of the General Counsel, 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 58, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450:

1. A written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) hours after the posting of the solicitation, (the notice of protest may be Faxed to 850-414-5264), and
2. A formal written protest in compliance with Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, within ten (10) days of the date on which the written notice of protest is filed.

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

## **17) UNAUTHORIZED ALIENS**

The employment of unauthorized aliens by any contractor is considered a violation of Section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. If the contractor knowingly employs unauthorized aliens, such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of the contract.

## **18) SCRUTINIZED COMPANIES LISTS**

ALL Responses, regardless of dollar value, must include a completed [Vendor Certification Regarding Scrutinized Companies Lists](#) to certify the respondent is not on either of those lists. The Form should be submitted with the Price Proposal.

A Vendor is ineligible to enter into a contract with the Department for goods or services of any amount if, at the time of entering into such contract, the Vendor is on the Scrutinized Companies that Boycott Israel List, created pursuant to Section 215.4725, Florida Statutes, or is engaged in a boycott of Israel.

Section 287.135, Florida Statutes, also prohibits companies from entering into a contract for goods or services of \$1 million or more that are on either the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in Sudan List or the Scrutinized Companies with Activities in the Iran Petroleum Energy Sector Lists which were created pursuant to s. 215.473, Florida Statutes.

If the Department determines the Vendor submitted a false certification under Section 287.135 of the Florida Statutes, the Department shall either terminate the Contract after it has given the Vendor notice and an opportunity to demonstrate the Department's determination of false certification was in error pursuant to Section 287.135 of the Florida Statutes, or maintain the Contract if the conditions of Section 287.135 of the Florida Statutes are met.

## **19) RESERVATIONS**

The Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received and reserves the right to make an award without further discussion of the bids submitted. Therefore, the bidder should make sure that the bid package submitted is complete and accurate and submitted to ensure delivery on or before the bid opening time and date specified in this solicitation. It is understood that the bid will become a part of the Department's official file, without obligation to the Department.

## **20) ADDITIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS**

No conditions may be applied to any aspect of the ITB by the bidder. Any conditions placed on any aspect of the bid documents by the bidder may result in the bid being rejected as a conditional bid (see "RESPONSIVENESS OF BIDS"). **DO NOT WRITE IN CHANGES ON ANY ITB SHEET.** The only recognized changes to the ITB prior to bid opening will be a written Addenda issued by the Department.

## **21) RESPONSIVENESS OF BIDS**

Bids will not be considered if not received by the Department **on or before** the date and time specified as the due date for submission. All bids must be typed or printed in ink. A responsive bid is an offer to provide the services specified in this Invitation to Bid in accordance with all requirements of this Invitation to Bid. Bids found to be non-responsive will not be considered. Bids may be rejected if found to be irregular or not in conformance with the requirements and instructions herein contained. A bid may be found to be irregular or non-responsive by reasons that include, but are not limited to, failure to utilize or complete prescribed forms, modifying the bid requirements, submitting conditional bids or incomplete bids, submitting indefinite or ambiguous bids, or executing forms or the bid sheet with improper and/or undated signatures. Other conditions which may cause rejection of bids include, evidence of collusion among bidders, obvious lack of experience or expertise to provide the required services, and failure to perform or meet financial obligations on previous contracts. ALL determinations of responsiveness will be the responsibility of the FDOT Procurement Office.

## **22) BID SHEET**

The bidder must use the attached Bid Sheet to submit its bid. The Bid Sheet must be signed and dated in ink by a representative who is authorized to contractually bind the bidder. All bid sheets and other documentation submitted in response to this solicitation must be executed and submitted in a sealed envelope. **Indicate the bid number, with the time and date of the bid opening, on the envelope used to return the bid.**

## **23) ESTIMATED QUANTITIES**

The Department anticipates purchasing the estimated quantities shown on the bid sheet(s), for a one (1) year period of any contract resulting from this bid. The estimated quantities are given only as a guideline for preparing your bid and should not be construed as representing the actual quantities to be authorized under this contract. The Vendor(s) shall supply, at bid prices, the actual quantities authorized regardless of whether the total of such quantities is more or less than anticipated. This bid and the resulting contract will be subject to annual appropriated funding.

## **24) "DRUG-FREE WORK PLACE" PREFERENCE**

Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received, the Department shall determine the order of award first in accordance with section 295.187(4), Florida Statutes, giving preference to "Veteran Business Enterprise" then to bid responses from vendors that certify the business has implemented a drug-free workplace program in accordance with Section 287.087, Florida Statutes. The "Drug-Free Workplace Program Certification" must be completed and submitted with the bid response to be eligible for this preference.

## **25) COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL**

Copyrighted material will be accepted as part of a bid only if accompanied by a waiver that will allow the Department to make paper and electronic copies necessary for the use of Department staff and agents. It is noted that copyrighted material is not exempt from the Public Records Law, Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. Therefore, such material will be subject to viewing by the public, but copies of the material will not be

provided to the public.

## **26) ATTACHMENT TO ITB SUBMITTAL - CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL**

The Bidder must include any materials it asserts to be exempted from public disclosure under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, in a separate bound document labeled "Attachment to Invitation to Bid, Number DOT-ITB-21-4004-JR- Confidential Material". The Bidder must identify the specific Statute that authorizes exemption from the Public Records Law. Any claim of confidentiality on materials the Bidder asserts to be exempt from public disclosure and placed elsewhere in the bid will be considered waived by the Bidder upon submission, effective after opening.

## **27 ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF BIDS: (DO NOT FAX, SEND BY MAIL, OR DELIVER IN PERSON)**

### **Instructions for Electronic Submission of Bids:**

Due to restrictions/limitations concerning COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the Florida Department of Transportation is allowing the electronic submission of Bids. Please follow the below instructions. Failure to follow these instructions, may result in your bid being found non-responsive. Nonresponsive replies will not be evaluated.

- Bids shall be submitted to: [D4.Purch@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:D4.Purch@dot.state.fl.us)
- Subject Line must show: DOT-ITB-21-4003-JR – (Insert Vendor's Name)
- All bids submitted electronically shall contain a file attachment marked as follows:

BID – (Insert Vendor's Name)

### **NOTES:**

- Documents shall be submitted in portable document format (PDF) and have a size limit of 25MB.
- The body of the email shall not contain any information
- It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that their bid is delivered to [D4.Purch@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:D4.Purch@dot.state.fl.us) on or before the Bid Due date and time (See Introduction Section 2 Timeline). Bids which for any reason are not so delivered will not be considered.
- By submitting a bid, the Bidder represents that it understands and accepts the terms and conditions to be met and the character, quality and scope of services to be provided.
- All bids and associated forms shall be signed and dated in ink by a duly authorized representative of the Bidder.
- Each Bidder shall fully acquaint itself with the conditions relating to the performance of the services under the conditions of this Request for Bid. This may require an on-site observation.

## **28) MODIFICATIONS, RESUBMITTAL AND WITHDRAWAL**

Bidders may modify submitted bids at any time prior to the bid due date. Requests for modification of a submitted bid shall be in writing and must be signed by an authorized signatory of the bidder. Upon receipt and acceptance of such a request, the entire bid will be returned to the bidder and not considered unless resubmitted by the due date and time. Bidders may also send a change in a sealed envelope to be opened at

the same time as the bid. The ITB number, opening date and time should appear on the envelope of the modified bid.

## **29) POSTING OF INTENDED DECISION/AWARD**

### **29.1 - General:**

The Department's decision will be posted on the Florida Vendor Bid System, at [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com), (click on "BUSINESS", click on "Doing Business with the State", under "Everything for Vendors and Customers", click on "Vendor Bid System (VBS)", on date and time in the Timeline, and will remain posted for a period of seventy-two (72) hours. Any bidder who is adversely affected by the Department's recommended award or intended decision must file the following with the Department of Transportation, Clerk of Agency Proceedings, Office of the General Counsel, 605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 58, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0450:

1. A written notice of protest within seventy-two (72) hours after posting of the Intended Award, (the notice of protest may be Faxed to 850-414-5264), and
2. A formal written protest and protest bond in compliance with Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, within ten (10) days of the date on which the written notice of protest is filed. At the time of filing the formal written protest, a bond (a cashier's check or money order may be accepted) payable to the Department must also be submitted in an amount equal to one percent (1%) of the estimated contract amount based on the contract price submitted by the protestor.

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.

### **29.2 - Inability to Post:**

If the Department is unable to post as defined above, the Department will notify all bidders by electronic notification on the Florida Vendor Bid System (see special condition 29.1, above) or by mail, fax, and/or telephone. The Department will provide notification of any future posting in a timely manner.

### **29.3 - Request to Withdraw Bid:**

Requests for withdrawal will be considered if received by the Department, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours after the bid opening time and date. Requests received in accordance with this provision will be granted by the Department upon proof of the impossibility to perform based upon obvious error on the part of the bidder. Bidders that do not withdraw as stated above will forfeit their bid bond, if applicable.

## **30) AWARD OF THE CONTRACT**

Services will be authorized to begin when the Vendor receives the following document(s), as appropriate, indicating the encumbrance of funds and award of the contract:

A Purchase Order issued by the Department and a written Notice to Proceed, issued by the Project Manager.

## **31) RENEWAL**

The agreement resulting from this solicitation may not be renewed.

### **32) ATTACHED FORMS**

Exhibit B, Bid Sheet  
Drug-Free Workplace Program Certification (Form 375-040-18)  
Vendor Certification Regarding Scrutinized Companies Lists (Form 375-030-60)  
MBE Planned Utilization (Form 375-040-24)  
Performance Bond Form 375-040-27

### **33) TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

#### **33.1 General Contract Conditions (PUR 1000)**

The State of Florida's General Contract Conditions are outlined in form PUR 1000, which is a downloadable document incorporated into this Invitation to Bid (ITB) by reference. Any terms and conditions set forth in this ITB document take precedence over the PUR 1000 form where applicable.

<http://www.dms.myflorida.com/content/download/2933/11777/1000.pdf>

The following paragraphs do not apply to this Invitation to Bid:

Paragraph 31, Dispute Resolution - PUR 1000  
Paragraph 40, PRIDE – PUR 1000, when federal funds are utilized.

#### **33.2 General Instructions to Respondents (PUR 1001)**

The State of Florida's General Instructions to Respondents are outlined in form PUR 1001, which is a downloadable document incorporated into this Invitation to Bid (ITB) by reference. Any terms and conditions set forth in this ITB document take precedence over the PUR 1001 form where applicable.

<http://www.dms.myflorida.com/content/download/2934/11780/1001.pdf>

The following paragraphs do not apply to this Invitation to Bid:

Paragraph 3, Electronic Submission – PUR 1001  
Paragraph 4, Terms and Conditions – PUR 1001  
Paragraph 5, Questions – PUR 1001

#### **33.3 MFMP Purchase Order Terms and Conditions**

All MFMP Purchase Order contracts resulting from this solicitation will include the terms and conditions of this solicitation and the State of Florida's standardized Purchase Order Terms and Conditions, which can be found at the Department of Management Services website at the following link:

[http://www.dms.myflorida.com/content/download/117735/646919/Purchase\\_Order\\_Terms\\_Sept\\_1,\\_2015\\_.pdf](http://www.dms.myflorida.com/content/download/117735/646919/Purchase_Order_Terms_Sept_1,_2015_.pdf)

Section 8(B), PRIDE, is not applicable when using federal funds.

#### **33.4 Public Records Provisions for Purchase Orders**

See attached Public Records Provisions for Purchase Orders, form 375-030-96.

### **34) ORDER OF PRECEDENCE**

All responses are subject to the terms and conditions of this solicitation, which, in case of conflict, shall have the following order of precedence listed:

Special Conditions  
Scope of Services  
Bid Sheet  
MFMP Purchase Order Terms and Conditions

Public Records Provisions for Purchase Orders  
Instructions to Respondents (PUR 1001)  
General Conditions (PUR 1000)  
Introduction Section

**35) LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

The Vendor acknowledges that failure to complete all services required by this contract within 21 calendar days of issuance of NTP may cause the Department to incur damages that, at present are, and upon the occurrence of the failure to timely complete the services may be, difficult to determine. Moreover, the Parties wish to avoid lengthy and expensive litigation relating to failure to complete the services on time. Therefore, in the event the Vendor fails to complete the authorized services by the completion date designated on the contract document, the Department shall exercise the remedy of liquidated damages against the Vendor, in the amount of **\$1,690.00** per day for each calendar day after the designated completion date that the Vendor fails to complete the services. The Parties agree that if the Department allows the Vendor to continue and finish the services, or any part of it, after the expiration of the time allowed, that the Department's action shall in no way act as a waiver on the part of the Department of the liquidated damages due under this contract. Said Liquidated Damages shall be deducted from the Vendor's final invoice not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages.

## BID CHECKLIST

(DOES NOT NEED TO BE RETURNED WITH YOUR BID)

This Checklist is provided as a guideline, only, to assist bidders in the preparation of their bid response. Included are some important matters that the bidder should check. This checklist is just a guideline, and is not intended to include all matters required by the ITB. Bidders are responsible to read and comply with the ITB in its entirety.

Check off each the following:



- 1 The “Bid Sheet” has been filled out completely, signed, and enclosed in the bid response.
- 2 The Federal Employers Identification Number or Social Security Number has been entered in the space provided.
- 3 The “Drug-Free Workplace Program Certification” form has been read, signed, and enclosed in the bid response, if applicable.
- 4 “Scrutinized Companies Lists” certification form has been read, signed, and enclosed in the bid response.
- 5 The “Bid Opportunity List” and the “DBE Participation Statement” form has been read, completed, and enclosed in the bid response, if applicable.
- 6 A current letter from a surety company or bonding agent authorized to do business in the state of Florida and written on company letterhead, to document the bidder’s present ability to obtain a Performance Bond in the amount of the full amount of the bid.
- 7 The Scope of Services section has been thoroughly reviewed for compliance to the bid requirements.
- 8 The prices bid have been reviewed for accuracy and all price corrections have been initialed in ink.
- 9 The [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com) website has been checked and any Addendums posted have been completed, signed, and included in the bid response.
- 10 The bid response must be received, at the location specified, **on or before** the Bid Due Date and Time designated in the ITB.
- 11 Submission is in accordance with Special Conditions 27) ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF BIDS.