INVITATION TO BIDDERS

BIDS TO BE RECEIVED NOVEMBER 1, 2017

TDOT PIN: 120315.00

STATE PROJECT #: 47LPLM-S3-095

CITY OF KNOXVILLE PROJECT #: 13B-R-0550

Sealed Bids will be received by the City of Knoxville at their offices by the Purchasing Agent of the City of Knoxville, acting for the Mayor, in Room 667-674, City County Building, 400 Main Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee, until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud and the Contract awarded as soon thereafter as practicable for the Merchant Drive / Clinton Highway Intersection Improvements Project.

The work will consist of intersection improvements to include realignment of left turn lanes on Clinton Highway for dual lefts, constructing raised pedestrian islands, extending sidewalks along all four approaches, new traffic signals, utility relocations and any necessary drainage work to complete the project as directed by the Engineer. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the City of Knoxville, Engineering Department, Room 301, 3131 Morris Avenue at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

PROPOSAL CONTRACTS WILL BE ISSUED UNTIL THE TIME SET FOR OPENING BIDS

A Prime Contractor must prequalify with the Department of Transportation in accordance with Section 54-5-117 of the "Tennessee Code Annotated" and Tennessee Department of Transportation Rule 1680-5-3 prequalification of contractors before biddable proposals will be furnished.

The City of Knoxville hereby notifies all bidders that a Zero (0)% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal has been set for this project and must be met or exceeded. All DBE firms must be TNUCP certified. A listing of these firms can be found on TDOT's Small Business Development website. All DBE firms must also be pre-qualified by the TDOT Construction Division as stated in the Local Government Guidelines Manual.

The City of Knoxville hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure 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, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of age, race, color, religion, national origin, sex or disability in consideration for an award.

The City of Knoxville is an equal opportunity affirmative action employer, drug-free with policies of non-discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or military service. Any questions regarding this policy should be directed to the City of Knoxville Purchasing Division at 865-215-2070.

THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS IS RESERVED

Specifications and bid sheets, Information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, and forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond, Payment Bond and other Contract documents may be examined at the following:

City of Knoxville - Engineering Department Chief Civil Engineer 3131 Morris Avenue Knoxville, Tennessee 37909 (865) 215-6100

Project plans, proposal contract, and bid package may be obtained from the Engineering Department after completing the Bid Document Request Form available on the City of Knoxville's procurement website at www.knoxvilletn.gov/purchasing for the subject project. Completed Bid Document Request Forms shall be emailed to civilengineeringplans@knoxvilletn.gov. You will then receive a response email containing a link to download PDF files of the project plans, proposal contract, and bid package.

Drawings, Specifications, and other Contract Documents may be examined at the Knoxville Builders Exchange - 300 Clark Street, NW; Knoxville, TN 37921; F. W. Dodge Plan Room – 622 Leroy Avenue; Knoxville, TN 37921; Urban League - 1514 E. Fifth Avenue; Knoxville, TN 37917; Black Contractors Association – 1828 McCalla Ave., Suite B; Knoxville, TN 37915; and in the Office of the Purchasing Agent, City of Knoxville, Room 667-674, City/County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902 and can be reviewed online at the iSqFt website @ www.isqft.com.

This project is a TDOT funded project. The Contractor shall take notice of additional City of Knoxville requirements included in the City of Knoxville Supplemental Conditions section of the Bid Proposal Contract.

No Bids will be received or accepted after the above-specified time for the opening of Bids. Bids submitted after the designated hour will be deemed invalid and returned unopened to the Bidder.

No bidder may withdraw their Bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

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