NOTICE TO BIDDERS

ARRA-ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANTS PROJECTS

IN THE

TOWN OF PARADISE, COUNTY OF BUTTE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

GRANT N. CBG-09-198

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

The Town of Paradise will be accepting three separate bids for the following public works projects:

1. HVAC Replacement at Town Hall, Police Department and Vehicle Maintenance, consisting of removal and replacement of eight (8) HVAC units at various locations
2. Fluorescent Lighting Conversion at the Town Hall, Police Department, Fire Station #1, #2 and the Street Maintenance Corporation Yard office, consisting of conversion of a total of one-hundred fifty-five (155) 48" long 2-bulb T12 light fixtures to T-8 light fixtures; and, conversion of four (4) exterior light fixtures to LED at Town Hall.
3. Safety Lighting Conversion at signalized intersections in the Town of Paradise, consisting of the conversion of forty-seven (47) High Pressure Sodium safety lights at fourteen (14) signalized intersections to LED. This work is to be performed under the supervision of the Town of Paradise Traffic Signal Maintenance Contractor, Republic ITS. All installation inspection costs for this portion of work to be included in contractors bids.

Successful lowest responsible bidder will be required to prepare cost breakdowns by November 29th for: Equipment/Material Cost per unit and Non-Equipment Cost per unit.

The Town of Paradise will receive sealed bids for the above three individually bid public works project at the Office of the Town of Paradise, Town Clerk, 5555 Skyway, Paradise, CA 95969, until **2:00 PM, (PST)**, **November 22, 2011**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The envelope enclosing the bid submittal shall be clearly marked "Bid for …" followed by the title of this project, specific project and the date and hour for opening of bids.

The bid packages for the three public works projects may be obtained from the Town of Paradise, Town Clerk's office at 5555 Skyway, Paradise, California.

Bidders are advised that, per federal law, as defined in 9 USC 1201 and 1512, the Town is implementing new requirements for submittal of Weekly Employment Report forms.

No prebid meeting is scheduled for this project.

A preconstruction conference is required for this project. Said preconstruction conference shall take place prior to any construction activities and will be set at a later date.

THIS PROJECT IS SUBJECT TO THE "BUY AMERICA" PROVISIONS OF THE SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1982 AS AMENDED BY THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT OF 1991.

The contractor shall possess any and all licenses required by State law to perform the work to be done per this contract.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest.

Technical questions should be directed to the Office of the Assistant Public Works Director, Town of Paradise, Paradise, California, (530) 872-6995.

The successful bidder shall furnish a payment bond and a performance bond in the amount of 100% of the contract amount.

The Contractor shall possess a California Class B license or a combination of classes required by the categories and types of work included in this contract at the time the contract is awarded.

The Town of Paradise 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.

Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1770 et seq., the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at Town of Paradise and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD. The Federal minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor are set forth in the Bid book and in copies of this book that may be examined at the offices described above where project plans, special provisions, and bid forms may be seen. Addenda to modify the Federal minimum wage rates, if necessary, will be issued to holders of Bid book. Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.

Attention is directed to the Federal minimum wage rate requirements in the Bid book. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the 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.

Each bid shall be made in accordance with these Contract Documents, and no Bid will be accepted by the Town unless it is made on the Bid forms included in these Contract Documents. Each bid must be accompanied by cash, certified or cashier's check or Bidder's Bond made payable to the Town of Paradise for an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid as a guarantee that the bidder will execute the contract in conformance with his, her or its bid and the specifications. Such guarantee shall be forfeited should the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fail to enter into the contract.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any non-material defects in any bid and to determine which bid, in the judgment of the Town, is the lowest responsive bid and to make that award which is in the best interest of the Town.

Paul Derr, Assistant Public Works Director

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