

Project No. 271

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Prequalification-

Bidders must apply for prequalification with the department's Administrator, Contractor Qualifications, at least 10 days before the date set to open bids.

Certificate of Compliance with Affirmative Action Programs-

No contract shall be entered into unless the bidder possesses a valid Certificate of Compliance with Affirmative Action Programs, issued by the State EEO Coordinator, Certification Section, 65 East State Street, 8th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, dated no earlier than 180 days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids.

Specifications-

The State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications dated January 1, 1991, together with,

Required Contract Provisions for Federal Aid Projects, (Form PR-1273) dated Rev. October 1987. Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246) dated April 7, 1978,

Special Provisions of Federal-Aid Highway Program of Manual 6-4-1-2, dated June 26, 1975,

will govern this improvement with the following:

Unbalanced Bids -

Section 102.13(c) of the Construction and Material Specifications provides for the disqualification of a bidder with obviously unbalanced bid prices.

Generally, mathematically unbalanced bid prices are those that do not reasonably reflect the cost of the item bid, inclusive of labor, profit, overhead and material costs. Some examples of a mathematically unbalanced bid are "front-end loading" and "covering" (moving money from one item to another.)

By NOTICE, all bidders have been advised to bid at least the cost of the materials for every item bid. To do otherwise is to risk the rejection of your bid proposal on the grounds of unbalancing bid prices.

Further, all bidders are advised that rejection of your bid proposal will result if the Department determines that the bid prices submitted are "materially unbalanced". A bid is materially unbalanced if there is a reasonable doubt that award to the bidder submitting the mathematically unbalanced bid will result in the lowest ultimate cost to the Department.

Modification to 109.04 Extra and Force Account Work -

(a)Labor. For all labor and for all foremen in direct charge of the specific operations, the contractor shall receive the rate of wage and fringe benefits currently in effect at the time the work is performed for each and every hour that said labor and foremen are actually engaged in such work, to which may be added an amount equal to **38** percent of the sum thereof.