

SPECIAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Department hereby notifies bidders that information to assist in bid preparation is available from the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, Anchorage office, located at 4111 Aviation Avenue.

1. Bidders are advised that the award process will be expedited for this emergency project. The apparent low bidder will be required to submit contract paperwork, including insurance, bonds, and all other required documents in an expedited manner, within three (3) days after the bid opening, or as directed by the Contracting Agency. Failure to submit the required contract paperwork as directed, may result in a finding of nonresponsibility.

By submitting a bid for this work, Contractors acknowledge and agree to this shortened award schedule.

2. Payment and Performance Bonds will be required for this project each in the amount of \$700,000 from the apparent low bidder prior to award.
3. Publications. The following are available from the Plans Room:
 - a. Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, 2004 Edition (\$25.00).
 - b. Alaska Test Methods Manual (Lab & Field), April 30, 2012 Edition (\$25.00). Available online at: http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwddes/desmaterials/mat_waqtc/pop_testman.shtml
 - c. Alaska Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Guide, February, 2011. http://www.dot.state.ak.us/stwddes/desenviron/pop_swppp.shtml
4. Materials Certification List (MCL). The MCL provides the Engineer with the appropriate approving authority. Contractor, submit certification for each material to the Engineer. The MCL is included in Appendix C.
5. Environmental Documents. There is no Environmental Document required for this work
6. Laborers Mechanics Minimum Rate of Pay. The current Laborers Mechanics Minimum Rate of Pay contains information on remote sites and per diem. The Department of Labor has issued WHPL #197, which further clarifies this requirement. See pay item 640(4).
7. Section 120, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. Effective for FHWA funded projects advertised on or after March 5, 2012, there is a revised Statewide Special Provision for Section 120 DBE Program, revised DBE forms, and other revised construction contract forms. Contractors are encouraged to review the construction contract forms and the revised Statewide Special Provision for Section 120 DBE Program which includes changes to timelines for submission of the DBE Utilization Report and DBE Good Faith Effort documentation, if applicable. See also the revised Required Documents form, 25D-4A.

Any questions about this notice may be directed to Grace San Miguel Morfield, Manager of the Civil Rights Office, (907) 269-0850, or email grace.sanmiguel-morfield@alaska.gov.

8. DBE Program Waiver - Central Region Projects. The US DOT Waiver for the DBE Program has been implemented on Central Region Projects since August 1, 2011. The DBE Program Waiver approved by USDOT addresses the issue identified in the Department's Disparity Study which found that DBE firms that are owned by Non-Minority Women were participating on the Department's construction contracts and subcontracts on an equal basis similar to other non-DBE contractors and non-DBE subcontractors for Central Region only.

As a result, DBE contract goals cannot be met through the use of female caucasian owned DBEs. This Waiver does not affect DBE project goals for airports or transit projects anywhere in Alaska, and does not apply to professional service agreements or highway construction projects in Northern or Southeast Regions.

The decision to continue or discontinue the use of the Waiver will be made on an annual basis.

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9. High Visibility Clothing. The Department requires all workers within the project limits to wear an outer visible surface or layer of high visibility color and retro-reflectivity. See subsection 643-3.11.
10. Interim Completion Date. The interim completion date for centerline rumble strips including replacing centerline markings is December 31, 2012. Refer to Subsection 105-1.19 Interim Completion for further information.
11. The Contracting Agency is required to track costs separately for each of the 3 repair sites under this contract. In order to facilitate this, pay item numbers parenthetically contain the milepost of the site as a suffix. For example, pay item 202(2-67.9) is Removal of Pavement for the MP 67.9 site, whereas pay item 202(2-78) is Removal of Payment for the MP 78 site.

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