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**SUBJECT: NOTICE INVITING CONTRACTORS TO PREQUALIFY
REAR BERTHS 136-139 TERMINAL BUILDINGS AND MAIN GATE
SPECIFICATION NO. 2663**

Prospective Applicants:

The City of Los Angeles' Harbor Department (City or Department) is inviting contractors [Applicant(s)] and Specialty Work Subcontractors to apply for prequalification for construction of the Rear Berths 136-139 Terminal Buildings and Main Gate project (Project). The Project is a part of the West Basin Improvement Program.

Due to the expedited schedule for the Project and the expertise required to construct Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified buildings, the Department will prequalify Applicants and Specialty Work Subcontractors wishing to bid on the Project. Prequalification requirements include experience with construction of LEED certified buildings as well as specialty work for constructing precast pile foundations, building mechanical systems, and building electrical systems. Applicants and Specialty Work Subcontractors will be prequalified as described in the Prequalification Instructions and Information package. Additional prequalification packages can be downloaded from the Department's website www.portofla.org, or by calling (310) 732 3522, or by Fax (310) 831-5389.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

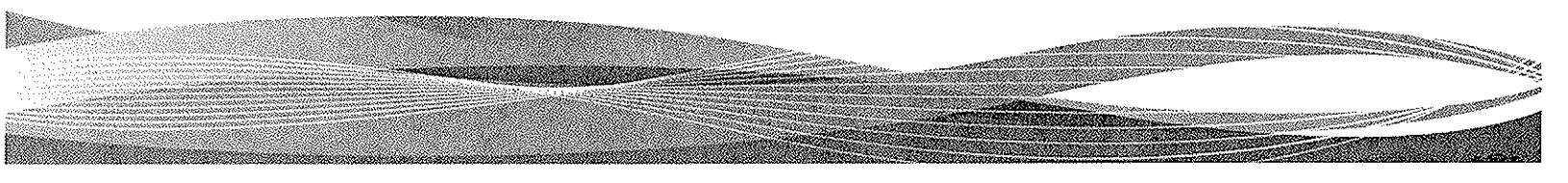
The Project includes construction of a LEED certified building, designed to achieve a LEED Gold rating; new terminal buildings and structures; a new main gate; and demolition of the existing administration building, and inbound and outbound gates.

The estimated construction cost is approximately \$40 million. Construction is estimated to begin July 2012. The contract time will be 790 calendar days. The contract is subject to a Project Labor Agreement.

The work described in this prequalification will be awarded under a single contract.

PREQUALIFICATION JUSTIFICATION

Prequalification of bidders for this project is in the best interest of the City and is justified due to the specialized skill level and experience needed to complete the project on time



and within budget. Timely completion of the Project is of paramount importance. Prior experience in construction methods, construction practices, and construction procedures for the construction of the LEED Gold certified building, is a specialized field of construction that requires experienced personnel and specialized equipment to accomplish the work in a timely manner.

The scheduled performance time established for this project is sufficient for completion of the work by a qualified contractor with the necessary experience, but timely completion may be jeopardized if the work is undertaken by a contractor lacking the required experience in the specialized construction work. A company experienced in this type of project with qualified personnel is required to meet the ambitious schedule. See the Detailed Prequalification Justification as indicated in the "Prequalification Instructions and Information" package.

CRITERIA FOR "PREQUALIFIED" DESIGNATION

To qualify, bidders must have acquired satisfactory experience in the construction of sustainable buildings, buildings on concrete pile foundations, and buildings with LEED goals. Experience in managing overlapping trades is required to meet the schedule. Experience in procurement and installation of electrical work and mechanical work for a sustainable and LEED certified building is required to allow work to proceed without delaying other trades and achieve the LEED rating goal for the Project. Experience in the installation of prestressed concrete piles is a specialized field of construction requiring experienced personnel and specialized equipment to accomplish the work in a timely manner. Only those entities successfully meeting all the prequalification criteria will be invited to submit bids for the work.

Applicants desiring to bid on the project as a prime contractor, and applicants desiring to perform installation of pile foundations, and LEED building electrical and mechanical systems, must meet the criteria indicated in the "Prequalification Instructions and Information" package.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

A meeting has been scheduled to provide additional information on the project, the prequalification process, and to respond to questions regarding the application process and Project.

Date: January 10, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Port of Los Angeles Administrative Offices, Board Hearing
Room
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA 90731

Potential Applicants and Specialty Work Subcontractors are cautioned that security measures may delay building entry and early arrival is recommended.

QUESTIONS

Submit technical questions to Donna Enfiajian at denfiajian@portla.org. Questions submitted less than 2 working days before the submittal deadline indicated below may or may not be answered as time permits. Responses to questions will be posted on the Department's website, www.portoflosangeles.org. Select the "Business tab, then "Construction Specs" from the drop down menu, and then select the specification number. The responses to questions may be updated at any time prior to the submittal deadline. This will be the only means used to communicate with applicants other than by addendum. The Department assumes no liability for applicant's failure to attend the informational meeting or to review the website to obtain responses to applicant's questions.

PROJECT DOCUMENT REVIEW

The Department will make available in-progress contract documents for review during the prequalification period. Applicants and Specialty Work Subcontractors wishing to view the documents may contact Donna Enfiajian at (310) 732-3689.

PREQUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL ACCEPTANCE DEADLINE

Prequalification submittals will be accepted until the date specified on the attached Prequalification Instructions and Information package. Prequalification submittals will be available for public review only after Applicants and Specialty Work Subcontractors are determined to be prequalified to bid on the project.

We thank you for your interest in working for the Department and look forward to receiving your prequalification submittal.

Sincerely,



SHAUN SHAHRESTANI
Chief Harbor Engineer
Construction Division

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