

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE TO HIGHWAY CONTRACTORS

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DATE OF LETTING: October 06, 2010
TIME OF LETTING: 10:00 AM EASTERN DST

Sealed proposals for certain highway improvements as described below will be received from contractors holding a valid Certificate of Qualification issued by the Indiana Department of Transportation.

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LOCATION OF DEPOSIT: Indiana Department of Transportation, Mr. John P. Wooden, Bid Review & Estimate Manager,
Room N855, Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2217

LOCATION OF OPENING: All proposals will immediately thereafter be taken to the N855 Conf. Room, Government Center North,
100 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana where they will be publicly opened and read.

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Contract documents will be available for downloading via the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Extranet at no cost. The internet address of the INDOT Extranet is: <http://netservices.indot.in.gov/>

Bids will be considered as provided for in the Prequalification and Bidding Regulations on file. Copies are available in Room N855, Government Center North.

IMPLEMENTATION OF ELECTRONIC BIDDING

All contracts within this notice are designated for electronic bidding via Bid Express. Only electronic bids submitted via Bid Express will be accepted on contracts designated for electronic bidding; the paper Proposal Book (blue cover) will not be issued for these contracts. It is the bidder's responsibility to check the Bid Express website for all amendment files prior to the deadline for bid submittal. This includes amendment files that may be generated as a result of administrative changes to the bidding form, which may not be communicated in a revision letter.

MANDATORY BIDDER REGISTRATION

Contractors desiring to submit electronic bids via Bid Express must register with INDOT as a valid bidder by submitting the form provided by INDOT Customer Service at the website below. Failure to register will cause failure of the Bid Express bid submission process. NOTICE: A bidder may request valid bidder status, by submitting the bidder registration form, until 9:00 AM eastern dst, on the bid opening date.

BONDS

An executed bid bond and an executed performance bond shall be included with the bid, except on contracts for roadside mowing, vegetation control, demolition, landscaping, fencing, seeding and sodding, bridge painting, and guardrail installations of \$100,000 or less, the bidder may elect not to furnish a performance bond. NOTICE: Effective March 1, 2008, paper bid bonds will no longer be accepted. Only electronic bid bonds submitted through the designated electronic medium, either Surety 2000 or SurePathNetwork, will be accepted with the bid. Bid Express does not support submittal of the performance bond. The performance bond must be submitted to the construction letting email box or be delivered in paper.

INTERNET ADDRESS

For additional information, visit the Doing Business with INDOT - Contractors website at
<http://www.in.gov/dot/div/contracts/letting/index.html>

SPECIAL LETTING OPTIONS

In order to promote competition, secure the best pricing with the highest quality work and achieve the best advantage for the State of Indiana in building the I-69 Section 2, Segments 1 & 1A (from ½ mile north of SR 64 to Patoka River) project (the Project), INDOT is letting the Project according to the Options and process described below, as permitted by 105 IAC 11-3-9, which provides that:

"If the department elects, proposal forms may be issued for projects in combination or separately, so that bids may be submitted either on the combination or on separate units of the combination. The commissioner may make awards on combination bids or separate bids to the best advantage of the state. No combination bids, other than those specifically set up in the proposal forms by the department, will be considered."

Option #1 - A single project with the following contract number: IR-33264-A. All bids under Option #1 will be regular bids.

Option #2 - Two separate and individual projects with the following contract numbers: IR-33038, and IB-33039. All bids under Option #2 will be regular bids.

SPECIAL BID PROPOSAL CONSIDERATION PROCESS

In the interest of achieving the best advantage for the State of Indiana and pursuant to the Commissioner's authority under IC 8-23-9-3 and 8-23-9-2 ("The commissioner may reject any and all proposals for cause.") the Commissioner will award or not award the contracts described above according to the following process:

- A. If INDOT does not make awards according to Section B (below), the Commissioner shall award the contract to the lowest and best bid under Option #1.
- B. If the sum of the lowest and best bid for each contract in Option #2 is lower than the lowest and best bid in Option #1, the Commissioner shall award contracts to each of the lowest and best bidders of the two contracts in Option #2.
- C. If the Commissioner does not award any contract according to Section A or Section B, the Commissioner, in his discretion, may award contracts to any or all of the lowest and best bids received under Option #2.
- D. The Commissioner may reject any bid proposal for cause. Non-competitive or unrealistic terms or pricing, or inadequate competition in bidding may be considered "cause" to reject any proposal under IC 8-23-9-2.

PRE-BID MEETINGS AND FIELD CHECKS

MANDATORY pre-bid meetings and field checks will be held for these contracts at the places and times described in the Scope Of Services sections of the individual Contract Information Books. Attendance at these meetings will be requisite for submitting bids.

