

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids shall be submitted electronically through the www.bidexpress.com webservice until **2:00 p.m.** local time on **March 7, 2023** and the same will be publicly opened at the same hour at the office of the Franklin County Engineer for the labor and material necessary for the **Cook Tri-County Ditch Drainage Improvement Project, Franklin County, Delaware County, Licking County, Ohio.**

Project Description: The purpose of this project is to replace the existing Cook Tile as part of a Ditch Petition. It includes constructing a closed storm sewer system along Fancher Road and installation of perforated drain tile through private agricultural fields. Additionally, the existing ditch from Johnstown Road will require rehabilitation. This work will not require the closing to traffic and disturb approximately 3.5 acres.

The plans, profiles, specifications, and estimates of quantities for doing this work are available through the www.bidexpress.com webservice for inspection by interested parties.

A pre-bid meeting will be held February 24, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. at the Franklin County Engineer's Office; 970 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio. This meeting will go over how to setup a Bid Express account and the process of bidding on the webservice. Please RSVP to Abby Obert at 614-525-5138 if you plan to attend.

All proposals shall be submitted electronically through the webservice www.bidexpress.com. Proposals must contain the name of every person interested therein and shall be accompanied by a bid guaranty and contract bond for the full amount of bid; or in lieu of the bid guaranty and contract bond the bidder may submit a bid guaranty as provided by Section 153.54 of the Revised Code in the form of a certified check or cashier's check pursuant to Chapter 1305 of the Revised Code. The amount of the certified check or cashier's check shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid. The certified check or cashier's check submitted with a bid will be held as a guarantee on an accepted bid proposal.

Bidders are **NOT** required to be pre-qualified with the Ohio Department of Transportation to submit a bid for this project.

The contract will be awarded within 60 days of the bid opening date. At that time, a bid guaranty and contract bond in the sum of 100% of the bid shall be executed in accordance with Section 307.89 of the Revised Code of Ohio. All qualified business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no bidder will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in awarding the subject contract.

Certified Check or Cashier's Check will be returned to all other bidders after the Contract has been awarded.

The bidder's address shall be included along with his/her signature on the bid.

The work shall be completed no later than **February 29, 2023**. Upon failure to complete the work within the time specified, the Contractor shall be governed in accordance with Section 5555.67 of the Revised Code of Ohio. No proposal shall be considered unless it complies with all the rules and regulations set forth in the Contract documents. All bidders are urged to carefully read the same and comply with them. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Cornell R. Robertson, P.E., P.S.
Franklin County Engineer

PUBLISH (3) WEEKS – Tuesdays, February 14, 21, and 28, 2023.

Please furnish one (1) copy of Proof of Publication and Invoice to the Franklin County Engineer's Office; 970 Dublin Road; Columbus, Ohio 43215 - Attention – Barb Cox