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**THE ADVOCATE**  
**BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

### **NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

The City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge will receive electronic or paper bids for the construction of the following project:

**BATON ROUGE BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT**  
**(NICHOLSON DR. – FLORIDA BLVD. – PLANK RD.)**  
**(CITY PARISH PROJECT NO. 16-CI-US-0032)**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Asphalt concrete overlay, asphalt patching, PCC patching, milling, access management, signal improvements, level boarding bus stop improvements, bus shelters and associated electrical, PCC sidewalks, driveways, concrete curbs, detectable warnings, drainage work, earthwork, striping, signage, landscaping, and associated items of work.**

Electronic or Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Local Time, **TUESDAY, April 9, 2024**, by the Purchasing Division, Room 826, City Hall, 222 Saint Louis Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. No bids will be received after 2:00 p.m. on the same day and date.

Bid Openings can be observed in person or via teleconference.

#### Teleconference Call-in Information

Join by phone  
+1-408-418-9388 United States Toll  
Access code: 263 373 080 (followed by the # button)

Alternate numbers to call if number above is not available, which may occur due to network traffic (use the same Access Code, followed by the # button):

United States Toll (Boston) +1-617-315-0704  
United States Toll (Chicago) +1-312-535-8110  
United States Toll (Dallas) +1-469-210-7159  
United States Toll (Denver) +1-720-650-7664  
United States Toll (Jacksonville) +1-904-900-2303  
United States Toll (Los Angeles) +1-213-306-3065

Electronic bids and electronic bid bonds for the solicitation will be downloaded by the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge, Purchasing Division.

Beginning as soon as feasible after the bid closing time all electronic bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud along with all paper bids received, if any, in Room 806 of City Hall immediately after the 2:00 p.m. bid closing.

Bids, amendments to bids, or request for withdrawal of quotations, received after time specified for bid opening shall not be considered for any cause whatsoever.

Bids shall be firm for a period of forty five (45) days from the date of the opening of bids and no bid shall be withdrawn for any reason during this period of time except as allowed per R.S. 38:2214.C.

**Official Bid Documents are available at Central Bidding ([www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com)). Electronic Bids may be submitted at Central Bidding ([www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com)). For questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at (225) 810-4814.** Paper copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents are on file and may be obtained from the Public Works and Planning Center located at 1100 Laurel St., Engineering Division, Room 137 or Post Office Box 1471, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821, upon payment of **\$20.00**. (Make checks payable to the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge.) Fees for plans, specifications and contract documents are to cover the cost of reproduction and are non-refundable in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes.

A Certified Check or Cashier's Check, payable to the Parish of East Baton Rouge or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid, shall be submitted with each bid.

**Bids shall be received electronically via [www.centralbidding.com](http://www.centralbidding.com) or on solicitation bid forms** furnished by the City of Baton Rouge and Parish East Baton Rouge, and only those bids shall be received by the City-Parish which are submitted by those Contractors in whose names the solicitation bid forms and/or specifications were issued. In no event shall paper solicitation forms be issued later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals.

#### **Federal Funding Award Assistance**

The award of the contract is contingent upon a financial assistance contract between the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge and the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This project is being funded in part with FTA funding; therefore, Bidders must agree to comply with any and all provisions and regulations relative to that financial assistance contract.

In accordance with 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 26, participation of Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBE) in all aspects of this federally funded contract will be encouraged and supported. The City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge has established a Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (SEDBE) program in accordance with Revised Statute RS 33:2233.4. It is the policy of the Parish to ensure that Eligible Business Enterprises EBE's, certified in accordance with the Parish program or Unified Certification Program (UCP), have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in parish contracts.

**The DBE participation goal for this Contract is set at 17% of the contract amount.** All Bidders shall achieve this goal or demonstrate good faith efforts to achieve the goal. Good faith efforts include meeting this EBE goal or providing documentation demonstrating that the Bidder made sufficient good faith efforts in attempting to meet this goal. Only EBE firms certified under the Parish SEDBE Certification Program or UCP at the time of submittal of the bid will count toward this EBE goal. To be considered responsive, the apparent low bidder must submit EBE Forms 1, 1A, and 2, and Letters of Certification, as appropriate within 10 days after bid opening.

All Contractors bidding on this work shall comply with all provisions of the State Licensing Law for Contractors, R.S. 37:2150-2163, as amended, for all public contracts. It shall also be the responsibility of the General Contractor to assure that all subcontractors comply with this law. If required for bidding, Contractors must hold an active license issued by the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors in the classification of HIGHWAY, STREET, AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION, and must show their license number on the face of the bid envelope and the Uniform Public Works Bid Form.

In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2214 (B) the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1)(b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the bid form, shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

Bidders must comply with the SEDBE Program. Copies of SEDBE Program documents are available upon request from City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge (“City-Parish”) Purchasing Division, 222 St. Louis Street, 8th Floor, Room 826, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. For questions or clarification about the Program, please contact the SEDBE Liaison Officer at the Purchasing Division, at (225) 389-3259.

**There will be no pre-bid conference.**

For additional information please contact **Mr. Scott Hoffeld, Project Manager at (225) 532-3470 or email at [Scott.Hoffeld@stantec.com](mailto:Scott.Hoffeld@stantec.com).**