CONTRACTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Michigan Department of Transportation DBE Solicitation Good Faith Effort Pilot Process

MDOT will be letting four projects in the July 10th, 2009, bid letting, that are part of a pilot process to obtain DBE participation information from prime contractors and DBE subcontractors for use in the review for determining DBE solicitation good faith efforts. The four projects are items 002, 019, 032 and 041.

DBE percentage information is required to be submitted by all bidders with the electronic bid. If a bidder fails to submit the required documentation with their bid, that bid will not be considered by the department.

A DBE folder titled "DBE Goal," similar to the Designated and Specialty Items folder, has been added to the project Expedite bid (EBS) files for the purpose of providing the DBE percentage at the time of bid submittal. Each bidder is required to provide their overall DBE percentage on the project.

The DBE Goal folder is currently set up to accommodate the Small Project DBE Goal Setting Pilot Process. For items 002, 019, 032, and 041 only, leave the Work Type and Company Address fields blank. In the Company Name, please enter the DBE percentage you will be submitting. The DBE Goal folder will remain red and you will receive an error indicating you have not filled in a required section. You will still be able to submit your bid with a red folder.

Within two business days after the letting, the three lowest, "as-submitted" bidders shall provide "blue sheet" type information that supports the overall DBE percentage submitted with their bid by e-mail to MDOT-BidLetting@michigan.gov. The information shall include the bid letting item number, the DBE firm name, the DBE firm work category, and the total DBE quote amount.

Within two business days after the letting, DBE subcontractors shall submit their quotation information by e-mail to MDOT-BidLetting@michigan.gov or by fax to (517) 373-3707. The information shall include the contract ID or bid letting item number, the name of the prime contractor(s) quoted, the work item(s) quoted, and the unit price quotation(s) for the work item(s) quoted.

For more information, please see the Notice to Bidders titled Michigan Department of Transportation DBE Solicitation Good Faith Effort Pilot Process found in the proposals.

Questions may be directed to MDOT-BidLetting@michigan.gov or 517-335-4328.

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