Housing Authority of the County of Merced

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

IFB #2020-24: Tree Trimming and Removal Services

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the County of Merced ("Authority") for Tree Trimming and Removal Services for a set number of trees at various housing developments owned by the Authority throughout Merced County (designated areas).

The office is closed to the public due to COVID-19 at the moment, please call Melina Basso at (209) 386-4137 or Maria Alvarado at (209) 386-4139 *prior* to delivery. Proposals must be received prior to 4:00 p.m. (PDT) on March 4^{TH} , 2021, at the Authority main office, located at 405 U Street, Merced. Telephone or Facsimile bids will *NOT* be accepted and will automatically be rejected. The bids must be clearly marked "Invitation for Bids, IFB #2020-24: Tree Trimming and Removal Services". There will be a virtual bid opening via GoToMeeting at 2:00 p.m. (PDT) on March 5^{th} , 2021. The link to the virtual bid opening is https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/176768013 and you can also call in at +1 (669) 224-3412; access code is 176-768-013.

Proposal packets, with all related documents and specifications, may be obtained by:

- Sending an email request to: <u>melinab@merced-pha.com</u>, Subject: IFB #2020-24: Tree Trimming and Removal Services
- Download packet from the Authority website at www.merced-pha.com (Contractor Opportunities).
- Request a packet by calling Melina Basso at (209) 386-4137.

The Department of Labor (DOL) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) have determined that this job requires all maintenance laborers and mechanics (including janitorial employees) employed under the contract shall be paid not less than the prevailing wages, as determined by HUD. The current HUD determined wage rate is \$30.27 per hour (basic rate plus fringe benefits). All maintenance laborers and mechanics employed under this Contract shall be paid unconditionally and without subsequent deduction (except as otherwise provided by law or regulations), the full amount of wages due at time of payment computed at rates not less than those contained in the HUD determined wages. As this project is a Federal funded project, any state or local determined wage rate that exceeds the corresponding Federal determined wage rate, the state or local determined rate is inapplicable to the contract and shall not be enforced. Attention is called to the Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to insure Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order #11246).

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the prior written consent of the Authority.

The Authority reserves the right to judgment in the determination of the qualifications of the bidders. Further the Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, nor accept or select any bid the Housing Authority, in its sole and absolute discretion, determines best meets its needs.

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Rosa Vazquez, Executive Director