

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the City Clerk of the **City of Fowler, 128 South 5th Street, Fowler, CA 93625 until 10:00 a.m. May 30, 2018** at which time they will be publicly opened and read at said office, for construction in accordance with the specifications therefore, to which special reference is made as follows:

CITY OF FOWLER FIRE STATION

The work to be done for the base bid, in general, consists of grading, site work, utilities, building construction, landscaping, fencing, and other associated improvements as shown on the plans and described in the specifications.

Plans and specifications applying to this project may be reviewed and purchased at: Peters Engineering Group, 952 Pollasky Avenue, Clovis, California 93612 at the non-refundable price of \$60.00 per set. Checks shall be made payable to the City of Fowler. Plans and specifications may also be viewed on the website of the Central California Builders Exchange and the Tulare / Kings County Builders Exchange. Only those who have purchased plans and specifications from the office of Peters Engineering Group will be considered eligible prime bidders. Planholder names may be obtained from Peters Engineering Group (559) 299-1544.

Inquiries regarding this project should be directed to the David Peters, Project Engineer at dpeters@peters-engineering.com. Oral explanations or interpretations of plans and specifications are not binding. Any explanation, interpretation or clarification of plans and specifications will be in the form of a written addendum to the plans and specifications issued to planholders of record.

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the City of Fowler and labeled with the name of the bidder, the name of the project and the statement "Do Not Open Until the Time of Bid Opening."

The City of Fowler hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, Minority Business Enterprise, and Women-Owned Business Enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religious creed, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Minimum wage rates for this project, as predetermined by the Secretary of Labor, are set forth in the special provisions. If there is a difference between the minimum wage rates predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and the prevailing wage rates determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California for similar classifications of labor, the Contractor and his subcontractors shall pay not less than the higher wage rate.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1770 of the Labor Code, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California has determined the general

prevailing rates of wages and employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, travel time, and subsistence pay as provided for in Section 1773.8, apprenticeship or other training programs authorized by Section 3093, and similar purposes applicable to the work to be done. Said wage determinations are on file with the City Clerk and are incorporated herein by reference.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein. Bids will be compared on the basis described in the Bid Proposal.

Bid security in the amount of then (10) percent of the amount of the bid, and in the form of a bid bond issued by an admitted surety insurer licensed by the California Department of Insurance, cash, cashier's check or certified check shall accompany the bid. Bid security shall be made in favor of the City of Fowler.

The successful bidder shall furnish a faithful performance and labor and materials bonds each in the amount of 100 percent of the contract amount. Said bonds shall be issued by a surety company who is an admitted surety insurer authorized by the California Department of Insurance to transact business in this state, and acceptable to the City of Fowler. Bidders are cautioned that representations made by surety companies will be verified with the California Department of Insurance and that the City of Fowler will not accept a surety company with a Best's rating of less than B.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, substitution of securities for any moneys withheld by the City of Fowler to ensure performance under the contract shall be permitted.

BIDDERS are to base their BIDS on the project funding being provided in whole or in part by USDA Rural Development which will review and approve the contract award, contract agreement, partial and final payments, and CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS. Payment and retainage will comply with the section of the USDA Supplemental Provisions entitled "Payment to Contractor." BIDDERS are notified that this CONTRACT does not permit retainage to be invested for the benefit of the CONTRACTOR.

BIDDERS are notified that financing for this project is provided pursuant to the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C. Section 1921 et seq.), and that as allowed in Public Contract Code Section 22300, this contract does not provide for substitution of securities for any monies withheld by the OWNER to ensure performance under the CONTRACT.

BIDDERS are notified of the requirement for affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunity (Executive Order No. 11246) as set forth in the Equal Opportunity Requirements. If BID amount exceeds \$10,000, a completed and executed Compliance Statement/Certifications of Nonsegregated Facilities (RD 400-6) must be submitted with the BID.

If BID amount exceeds \$25,000, a signed Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion – Lower Tier Covered Transactions

(AD-1048) must be submitted with the BID.

If BID amount exceeds \$100,000, a signed RD Instruction 1940-Q, Exhibit A-1, Certification for Contracts, Grants and Loans must be submitted with the BID.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

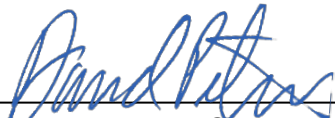
If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at:

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html

or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at program.intake@usda.gov.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Dated: April 20, 2018


By: David Peters, City Engineer