

Advertisement and Invitation to Bidders Request for sealed bids for
Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA) BID #2015-001
for the US 281/BSIF CONNECTOR PROJECT
CONTRACT NO. 0220-01-023, Etc.

Bid date and time: **Wednesday September 30, 2015 Until 3:00 P.M. C.S.T.**
Pre-Bid Meeting: Friday August 14, 2015 1:30 P.M. C.S.T. (MANDATORY)
Local Government Sponsor: Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA)
Pilar Rodriguez, PE, Executive Director
118 South Cage Boulevard, 4th Floor, Pharr, Texas 78577
Telephone / Fax: (956) 402-4762
General Engineering Consultant: Dannenbaum Engineering Corporation (Dannenbaum)
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Bid Documents for Construction of the US 281 / BSIF Connector Project may be obtained from the HCRMA and Dannenbaum offices listed above at the contractor's expense which is non-refundable, or at www.hcrma.net. The US 281 / BSIF Connector Project is for the construction of a non-tolled facility from 0.45 mile east of SP 600 to FM 2557 (Stewart Road) along US 281 (Military Highway), including a grade-separated interchange at the intersection of US 281 (Military Highway) near San Juan Rd, and a 0.70-mile non-tolled BSIF Connector from US 281 (Military Highway) to SP 29 (Veterans Boulevard) which consist of: grading, flexible base, lime treated subgrade, asphaltic concrete pavement, concrete pavement, signing and pavement markings, cross culverts, bridge structure and illumination.

Sealed Proposals, one (1) original and one (1) copy, for the above project will be received by the HCRMA, Attn: Pilar Rodriguez, PE, 118 South Cage Boulevard, 4th Floor, Pharr, Texas 78577, **until 3:00 P.M. C.S.T., Wednesday September 30, 2015**. Bids will be opened and read aloud at the same location within the City Commission Chambers on the 2nd Floor at 3:05 P.M. C.S.T. on deadline due date. Bids received after the previous mentioned date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

The HCRMA reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid; hold all bids for 45 days from due date of receipt without actions, waive minor technicalities, require statements or evidence of bidder's qualifications, including financial statements, and award the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Acceptance will be based on low bid and qualification of contractor. **Award of bid shall be subject to a final contract award by the HCRMA Board of Directors.**

A Pre-bid Meeting will be held for this project on Friday August 14, 2015 at 1:30 P.M. C.S.T, at the McAllen Convention Center located at 700 Convention Center, Room 102-ABC, McAllen, Texas 78505. The Pre-bid Meeting is **MANDATORY** and prospective bidders must attend in order to have their proposal opened. HCRMA Staff and General Engineering Consultant will review plans, specifications, details, materials and requirements of the work, and therefore Sub-contractors and materials suppliers who expect to be associated with the project are invited to attend. A DBE Conference will also be held for this project on that same date and in the same room at 3:00 P.M. C.S.T. to allow DBE firms and companies the opportunity to meet and discuss potential teaming opportunities with prospective bidders—while not a requirement for submitting a proposal, the HCRMA strongly encourages participation.

Any Contractor intending to bid on this project must be prequalified by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and able to conduct work within State Right-of-Way. Bid security in the amount of 5% of the total bid submitted must accompany each proposal in accordance with the Invitation to Bid. Performance and payment bonds for 100% of the contract value will be required upon issuance of the contract. This project is financed in part by Federal funds and a **DBE goal of 8.5%** has been established for this project in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26.

Typed-written RFI's shall be sent accompanied by a transmittal form to the General Engineering Consultant (GEC), and the GEC will return signed transmittal forms signaling receipt of RFI. RFI's will not be answered by phone and non-typed written RFI's will not be answered. All inquiries shall be submitted by 3:00 P.M. C.S.T. on **Wednesday, September 23, 2015**. Inquiries beyond this date will not be responded, and Addenda will be available wherever Bid Documents are made available.