



**Advertisement and Invitation to Bidders
Request for sealed bids for
Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority BID #2023-001
for the
Granjeño Wetland Mitigation Site Project**

Bid opening date & time: **Wednesday, December 6, 2023, Until 3:00 P.M. C.S.T.**

Pre-Bid Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2023, 2 P.M. C.S.T.
(MANDATORY) In-person or Virtual Attendance Option

Local Government Sponsor: Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority (HCRMA)
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Bid Documents for Construction of the Granjeño Mitigation Site (Granjeño) may be obtained from the HCRMA website at no expense via a CivCAST project listing that will be published to <http://www.hcrma.net/bids.html>. The Granjeño project is for the restoration of 23.88 acres of land, including approximately 17 acres planned specifically for wetland restoration. HCRMA will dedicate 12 of the 17 acres to compensate for impacts resulting from the 365 Toll project (also referred to as the SH 365 roadway project in the mitigation plan). The remaining 5 acres of restored wetland area at the mitigation site will be held in reserve for application toward future projects within the watershed. The project consists of grading and compaction of approximately 19 Acres to establish a wetland which includes placement of a clay liner and plant root zone soil strata. It also includes berm grading and compaction of approximately 6 Acres of upland area. Construction of an access driveway and road including maintenance and brush clearing/tree trimming, of a groundwater well with controls and approximately 3,000 linear feet of PVC pipe distribution, and a security fence for the groundwater well and associated equipment.

Electronic bids via CivCast will be received by the HCRMA, **until 3:00 P.M. C.S.T., Wednesday, December 6, 2023.** Bids will be opened and read aloud at the HCRMA Offices at 203 W. Newcombe Ave, Pharr, Texas 78577 at 3:05 P.M. C.S.T. on the deadline due date. Bids received after the previously mentioned date and time will not be considered and will be rejected. The HCRMA reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid; hold all bids for 120 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 the low bid of a responsive and responsible contractor that is currently prequalified to do construction work with TxDOT. **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 Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. C.S.T., at the Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority Offices. The Pre-bid Meeting is **MANDATORY** and prospective bidders must attend (in-person or virtually) 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.

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 five (5%) percent of the total bid submitted must accompany each proposal in accordance with the Invitation to Bid. Performance and payment bonds for one hundred (100%) percent of the contract value will be required upon issuance of the contract. In accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 and based on the project's Federal funding, type of work, location, overall and item cost estimate values, subcontracting opportunities, certified DBE firms in vicinity of the project location, and size of the project TxDOT's Office of Civil Rights assigns a race-conscious DBE goal of six (6.0%) percent for this project proposal.

The HCRMA will only entertain Questions / RFI's via the project's CivCAST listing, and the HCRMA will provide timely answers (and potentially issue addenda, as needed). Questions / RFI's will not be answered by phone or by any other means other than CivCAST. All inquiries shall be submitted by 3:00 P.M. C.S.T. on Wednesday, November 29, 2023. Inquiries beyond this date will not be responded, and Addenda will be available wherever Bid Documents are made available.

The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.