

## Invitation to Bid

Project Name/Description: Cloquet - Carlton County Airport  
Runway 17-35 Pavement Rehabilitation

FAA AIP Number: 3-27-0018-14-18  
MnDOT Project No. S.P. 0902-56

Sealed bids will be received for the Cloquet-Carlton County Airport by the Carlton County Engineer, 1630 County Road 61, Carlton, Minnesota 55718 until 2:00 p.m. local time on Monday, June 11, 2018 for the above named project, and will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter.

The work is in accordance with drawings and specifications prepared by RS&H, Inc. The Consultant can be contacted and the plans can be viewed at the Duluth office of RS&H, Inc., located at 4525 Airport Approach Road, Duluth, Minnesota 55811, telephone (218) 722-1227.

The project scope consists of the following construction elements:

- Rehabilitation of the existing Runway 17-35 pavement by either full depth reclamation or a mill and overlay.

The Notice to Proceed for construction is anticipated to be issued in May, 2019.

Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished for that purpose.

A pre-bid conference will be held on Monday, June 4, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cloquet -Carlton County Airport, which there will be an opportunity to examine the site of the proposed work.

The schedule of minimum wages as established by the Secretary of Labor and set forth in the specifications is to govern on this project, and bids shall be based on these established minimum wage rates. In accordance with Minnesota law, overtime must be paid for work in excess of 8 hours per day or 40 hours per week.

The bidder/offeree certifies, by submission of this proposal or acceptance of this contract, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by a Federal department or agency. It further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause without modification in all lower tier transactions, solicitations, proposals, contracts and subcontracts. Where the bidder/offeree/contractor or any lower tier participant is unable to certify to this statement, it shall attach an explanation to this solicitation/proposal.

Notice of Requirements for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity - State of Minnesota Requirements:

The offerer's or bidder's attention is called to the "equal opportunity clause" set forth herein.

The goals and timetables for minority and female participation, expressed in percentage terms for the contractor's aggregate workforce in each trade on all construction work in the Covered Area as follows: Goals for minority participation in each trade, 3.0%; goals for female participation in each trade, 6.9%.

These goals are applicable to all contractors' construction work performed in the Covered Area.

The contractor's compliance with Minnesota Statutes, section 473.144 and part 5000.3520 shall be based on its implementation of the equal opportunity clause, specific affirmative action obligations required by part 5000.3540, and its efforts to meet the goals established for the geographical area where the contract resulting from this solicitation is to be performed. The hours of minority and female employment and training must be substantially uniform throughout the length of the contract, and in each trade, and the contractor shall make a good faith effort to employ minorities and women evenly on each of its projects. The transfer of minority or female employees or trainees from contractor to contractor or from project to project for the sole purpose of meeting the contractor's goals shall be a violation of the contract, Minnesota Statutes, section 473.144 and part 5000.3520. Compliance with the goals will be measured against the total work hours performed.

As used in this notice, and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "Covered Area" is Carlton County, Minnesota.

See Instructions to Bidders for Federal requirements for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity (Executive Order 11246, as amended).

The bidder shall make good faith efforts as defined in Appendix A of 49 CFR Part 23, Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation to subcontract Two and eighty-seven one-hundredths percent (2.87%) of the dollar value of the contract to small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE).

The individuals who are presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged include Women, Blacks, Hispanics, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, and Asian-Indian Americans.

In the event that the apparent successful bidder of this solicitation qualifies as a DBE, the contract goal shall be deemed to have been met.

Bidders will submit, in writing, the names of the DBEs included in their bid, a description of the work DBEs will perform, and the dollar value of each DBE subcontract.

Exclusive agreements between DBEs and bidders are forbidden. Carlton County reserves the right to waive failure of a bidder to meet the DBEs goals if sufficient effort as determined by Carlton County has been made to comply with the DBE goals and the requirements are not met.

The bids shall be accompanied by an Affidavit on Non-Collusion and written assurance that the bidder has made a good faith effort towards meeting DBE goals.

A bidder's or proposer's failure to show a good faith effort to achieve the specified contract goal for the participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprise in the completion of this project will be grounds for finding the bid or proposal non-responsive.

Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the County in the amount of not less than 5% of the total bid or a surety bond

in the amount payable to the County with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota, such Bid Security to be a guarantee that the bidder will not, without the consent of the County, withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the opening of bids, and if the successful bidder will enter into a contract with Carlton County and in connection therewith, give Public Contractor's Bond as required by law; and the amount of the certified check will be retained or bond enforced by the County in case the bidder fails so to do.

The Bid Security of the three lowest bidders will be retained until the contract is executed, but in no event longer than 60 days provided that the Bid Security of the lowest responsible bidder shall be retained in any event until the contract is executed and Public Contractor's Bond furnished as herein provided.

The bid of the lowest responsible bidder, provided said low bidder has made a good faith effort to meet the DBE contract goal will be accepted on or before the expiration of 60 days after the date of the opening of bids. In the event that the Authority deems it in its best interest to delay the award of the contract (i.e. if the federal funding for the project is delayed) the 60 day time period may be extended for up to one year if mutually agreed upon by both the bidder and the County. The County, reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any minor irregularities, informalities or discrepancies

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Plans and specifications will be on file for inspection beginning Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at the office of the Carlton County Transportation Department, the Consulting Engineer's office, the Duluth, Minneapolis Builders Exchanges and construction market plan rooms.

Copies of Drawings and Specifications and a separate Proposal Form may be obtained on or after May 23, 2018 at the office of RS&H, 4525 Airport Approach Road, Suite A, Duluth, Minnesota 55811 upon receipt of a check in the amount of \$50.00 for each hard set of Plans, Specifications and Bid Form; or for a non-refundable \$20 fee you may obtain an electronic version of the plans/specs/addendums and a hard copy of Bid Form Packet by contacting RS&H, Inc., 4525 Airport Approach Road, Duluth, Minnesota 55811. (Phone: 218-722-1227). This payment will not be refunded.

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