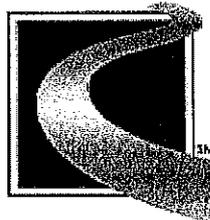


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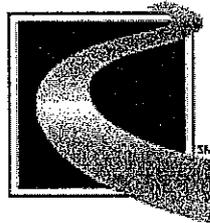
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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Please review the checklist prior to submitting your bid on this Contract.

- When submitting your completed bid, do not separate the book. Submit the whole book including all addenda acknowledgment pages.
- Make sure that all addenda letters are attached outside of the front cover of the bid book.
- If the addendum has revised the Schedule of Prices, make sure that you have included the revised pages in your bid. Your price should reflect any and all changes.
- Prices must be written numerically and in words, unless approved substitute forms are used (Refer to GP-2.06). Don't leave any items blank.
- When tabulating your final price, make sure all your calculations are correct.
- Minority Business Enterprise Attachments A and B must be completed and submitted with your bid. If either of these attachments is missing your bid is non-responsive. Attachments C and D **should not** be submitted at time of bid.  
**For additional information on how to complete the MBE Attachments, please see the insert named "Important Information regarding MBE Utilization and Bidding Requirements" located in the IFB.**
- The Bid/Proposal Affidavit must be completely filled out and signed by all the parties as indicated.
- If Escrow is being offered in a contract, the contractor must indicate whether or not they wish to utilize an Escrow Account for Retained Funds on the provided form.
- A bid bond must accompany all bids of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) or more. The bid bond document must be completely filled out and have an original Power of Attorney form attached.
- If the document is too large for the envelope that we have provided, you can place the document in another form of packaging that can be sealed and submitted. If the document is too large for the bid box, you should alert the receptionist.
- Make sure that your company's name, address, the contract number and the bid date appears on the front of the packaging.
- When submitting bid packages via US Mail, Federal Express, DHL, UPS or any other delivery service it is your responsibility to make sure that the bid reaches the bid box before the time deadline. It may be in your best interest to send the package 24 hours in advance of the deadline. Also, when sending packages this way, make sure that the labeling specifies that it is a bid submission.

## **Notice to Bidders/Offerors**

### **eMaryland Marketplace**

In order to take advantage of Maryland State and Local government contracting opportunities, vendors/contractors are encouraged to register with eMaryland Marketplace. The free registration provides a means for businesses to receive e-mail notification of upcoming contracting opportunities in their specified areas of interest and expertise.

For registration requirements, visit:  
[www.eMarylandMarketplace.com](http://www.eMarylandMarketplace.com)

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING MBE UTILIZATION AND BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

The Maryland Transportation Authority (the "Authority") has been forced to reject many recent bids/proposals due to bid submissions that were not in strict compliance with the stipulated MBE rules and regulations. The following checklist has been developed to highlight certain critical components of the MBE program requirements. This listing is not all-inclusive and the bidder **must** comply with all MBE rules and regulations listed throughout this entire proposal book.

Please read all of the instruction provided on Attachment A, B, C & D in its entirety before completing the forms.

Attachment A (Certified MBE Utilization and Fair Solicitation Affidavit) & Attachment B (MBE Participation Schedule) must be included with the submittal of the bid or offer. If the bidder or offeror fails to submit these forms with the bid/offer as required, the Procurement Officer **shall deem the bid non-responsive** or shall determine that the **offer is not reasonably susceptible** of being selected for award. MBE Prime Contractors must achieve the established MBE goal with other certified MBE contractors. A Prime MBE Contractor **can not** count itself as an MBE to obtain the goal.

## ATTACHMENT A

When filling out Attachment A, make sure you complete the following:

- If the Prime Contractor can achieve the established overall goal and sub goals, you must check the appropriate box.
- If after making good faith efforts, you determine you can not achieve the established overall goal or subgoals, you must request a waiver by checking the appropriate box.
- If you do not request the waiver at time of bid and you **are not** meeting the established goal(s), your bid/offer will be considered **non-responsive or not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.**
- Attachment A must be signed and dated.

## ATTACHMENT B Part 2

When filling out Attachment B, make sure you have included the following:

- Prime Contractor's name, address and phone number.
- Project description.
- Project number/Solicitation Number.
- List the minority firm name(Column 1), certification number and MBE Classification (Column 2), Total sub contract dollar amount (Column 3) and NAICS Codes of the services to be performed or products to be supplied (Column 4)
- Clarify for each sub-contractor if it will provide services, is a supplier or will supply and install (Column 5)
- It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that the proposed subcontractors are certified to perform the proposed work. All Contractors are to submit an approvable MBE plan at time of bid. Approvable means, the subcontractors are certified in the applicable NAICS Codes through MDOT and can perform the proposed services for the required participation goal. Contractors pending MBE certification at time of bid are **not** eligible for participation. If you submit a firm that is not certified to perform the proposed services and your contract falls short of the established MBE goal, your firm will be considered **non-responsive or not reasonably susceptible of being selected for award.**
- Prime Contractors are strongly encouraged to check the MDOT database at [www.mbe.mdot.state.md.us](http://www.mbe.mdot.state.md.us) to see if the subcontractor is certified to perform the services and to make sure the subcontractor has not graduated from the listed NAICS codes. If you have questions after checking the data base, you may contact the Authority MBE Office at 410-537-1048 for further assistance.

If you are using a supplier, the 60% rule applies. Please refer to the MBE Manual for the description of the 60% rule.

Please provide details on how you arrived at the 60% on Attachment B (Column 5) (i.e. - \$150,000.00 X 60% = \$90,000.00).

- If you are requesting a third tier relationship, you must state that request on the Attachment B form (Column 1). Please note: Third Tier MBE/DBE subcontracting will be approved by the Authority only when the Authority is satisfied that there is no way except by Third Tier contracting that an MBE/DBE goal can be achieved. Specifics as to why a Third Tier contracting agreement must be included.

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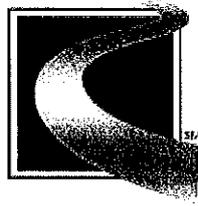
- Attachment B must be signed and dated.
- If you are the apparent low bidder, you will receive a letter from the Authority requesting your MBE Attachment C (Outreach Efforts Compliance Statement) and Attachment D (Subcontractor Project Participation Affidavit). You will have ten (10) working days to submit the attachments to the Authority. If you requested a waiver at time of bid, all of the back up documentation that complies with COMAR 21.11.03.11, must be submitted within the ten working days with Attachments C & D.
- If the apparent low bidder fails to return the required documentation within the allotted ten (10) days, the Procurement Officer may determine that the apparent low bidder is not responsible and therefore not eligible for contract award.

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

A "Pre-Proposal Session" for the purpose of answering or obtaining answers to questions of parties interested in constructing the work relative to Right-of-Way, Utilities, Design, and Construction Details will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on March 24, 2009, in the Conference Room, at the Maryland Transportation Authority, 300 Authority Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21222. While attendance at the Pre-Bid conference is not mandatory, this is the offeror's opportunity to raise questions and/or issues of concern regarding the project.