

SECTION 00100

INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, will receive sealed bids for construction of:

BLACKTAIL PATH (CTEP) STPE 15(117), CONTROL NUMBER 7681

All sealed bids, plainly marked “**SEALED BID – BLACKTAIL PATH (CTEP), STPE 15(117), CONTROL NUMBER 7681**”, must be in the hands of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, 800 South Main, Room 302, Kalispell, Montana, 59901, at **8:30 o’clock a.m. local time on April 27, 2016.** Bids will be **opened and read at 9:15 o’clock a.m. local time** in the Commissioners’ Chambers, located on the third floor of the courthouse.

The Blacktail Path (CTEP), STPE 15(117), Control Number 7681 will be constructed as a Base Bid and Additive Alternate. Contractors must bid on both the Base Bid and Additive Alternate. The Base Bid will generally consists of excavation, embankment construction, retaining walls, single span weathered steel bridge, concrete abutments, placement of base gravel, concrete curb & gutter, construction of asphalt concrete pavement for a pedestrian/bike path, minor drainage and landscaping, and associated incidentals from Stoner Loop to Soren Lane along Blacktail Road. The Additive Alternate will generally consists of excavation, earthen borrow (embankment construction), placement of base gravel, construction of asphalt concrete pavement for a pedestrian/bike path, minor drainage and landscaping, and associated incidentals from Soren Lane to the YWAM campus along Blacktail Road. The Owner may award either the Base Bid or the Base Bid plus the Additive Alternate based on available funds.

The contract documents consisting of Drawings and Project Manual may be examined or obtained at the Flathead County Planning and Zoning Office, 1035 First Avenue West, Kalispell, Montana 59901, in accordance with SECTION 00200 – CTEP Instructions to Bidders.

There will be a Pre-Bid Conference held at the Flathead County Planning and Zoning office, 1035 First Avenue West, Kalispell, Montana, 59901 at **1:00 o’clock p.m. on April 6, 2016.** Interested CONTRACTORS are encouraged to attend.

CONTRACTOR and any of the CONTRACTOR’S subcontractors doing work on this project will be required to obtain registration with the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). Forms for registration are available from the Department of Labor and Industry, P.O. Box 8011, 1805 Prospect, Helena, Montana 59604-8011. Information on registration can be obtained by calling 1-406-444-7734. CONTRACTOR is not required to have registered with the DLI prior to bidding on this project, but must have registered prior to execution of the Construction Agreement. All laborers and mechanics employed by the CONTRACTOR or subcontractors in performance of the construction work shall be paid wages at rates as may be required by the laws of Flathead County and the State of Montana. The CONTRACTOR must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of

their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Each bid or proposal must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, or Bid Bond payable to Flathead County, in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid. Successful BIDDERS shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount. Insurance, as required, shall be provided by the successful BIDDER(s) and a certificate(s) of that insurance shall be provided. Contactor and all subcontractors must be licensed to perform work in Flathead County.

Within 10 calendar days after the Notice of Award, the successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor and Materials Payment Bond guaranteeing faithful performance and the payment of all bills and obligations arising from the performance of the contract, and a signed Agreement. The bonds will each be equal to 100 percent of the contract amount.

No bid may be withdrawn within a period of 60 days after the scheduled date time for public opening of bids, which is **9:15 o'clock a.m.**, local time on **April 27, 2016**.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals received, to waive informalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid which is in the best interest of the OWNER.

Flathead County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Issued at Flathead County, Montana, this 23rd day of March, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

By: /s/ Pamela J. Holmquist
Pamela J. Holmquist, Chairman

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