

**INVITATION TO BID
FLATHEAD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WHITEFISH STAGE SLOPE STABILIZATION MITIGATION PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Flathead County, Montana, will receive bids for the construction of the "Whitefish Stage Slope Stabilization Mitigation Project". The project consists of having a Contractor complete the work necessary at the direction of the geotechnical engineer to stabilize the two separate slope mitigation areas. The work includes, but is not limited to erosion control measures, clearing and grubbing, sub excavation of slope material, hauling of owner provided material, placement of approximately 17,000 CY of imported material, supplying and placement of approximately 1,100 CY of drainage rock, drainage pipe, site restoration, and other incidentals. Final measurement and payment for site work will be paid for on the basis of unit prices as directed by the geotechnical engineer. The proposed project is located on the edge of the jurisdictions of the City of Kalispell and Flathead County, east of Whitefish Stage Road and west of the Village Greens golf course, in between the Stillwater and Whitefish Rivers.

All sealed bids, plainly marked "**Whitefish Stage Slope Stabilization Mitigation Project**" must be delivered to the Commissioners' Office, 800 South Main, Kalispell, Montana 59901, at or before **9:30 a.m., local time, Monday, October 5, 2015**. All Bids that have been duly received will be opened and read aloud immediately thereafter in the Commissioners' Office.

All Bids must be in accordance with the Contract Documents on file by September 23, 2015 at the following locations: Flathead County Commissioners Office, 800 South Main Street, Kalispell, MT (406) 758-5503; 48 North, P.C. Civil Engineering Services, 151 Business Center Loop, Suite A, Kalispell MT (406) 756-4848, and designated Plans Exchanges. Contract Documents for use in preparing Bids may be obtained from 48 North, P.C. Civil Engineering Services at the address listed above upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00, payable to 48 North, P.C. for each set of documents including drawings. Prospective bidders must obtain or request Contract Documents no later than 2 days prior to bid opening. All sealed bids must be submitted on original forms. Copies of the Contract Documents obtained from other sources shall not be accepted. No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, a bid security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid to secure the bidder's express covenant that if the bidder is awarded the contract, the bidder will, within **eight (8) days**, enter into a formal contract for completion of the project. Bid security shall be payable to Flathead County and shall be in the form of lawful money of the United States, as cashier's check, certified check, bank money order, or bank draft issued by a Montana bank, or bid bond executed by a surety corporation authorized to do business in Montana.

A performance Bond and Labor and Materials Payment Bond each in the amount of One Hundred percent (100%) of the contract sum will be required of the successful bidder, to secure the contractor's covenant to faithfully perform all of the conditions of the contract in accordance with the law and that contract.

The successful bidder must contract to pay prevailing wage rates, set by Federal Davis-Bacon Act, and will be subject to withholding of 1% of all payments for transmittal to the Department of Revenue to pay the public contract tax.

No bid shall be considered that does not carry the bidder's Montana Contractor's Registration Number on the bid form.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held onsite at the address of 1373 Whitefish Stage Road, Kalispell, MT at **9:00 A.M. on Thursday, October 1, 2015**. Those interested in bidding

the project should plan on attending this meeting. To insure that specific requirements identified within the contract documents and specifications are met, attendance of the pre-bid conference is **MANDATORY**.

Completion of the work is required within 72 calendar days after commencement on approximately **October 21, 2015** and according to the construction schedule to be determined after the Notice to Proceed is issued. Funding of the project stipulates that all items of the work must be completed within the period of performance specified by FEMA unless an exception is granted by FEMA to extend the time frame. The project includes liquidated damages that will be assessed as set forth in the Special Provisions at **\$500.00** per calendar day, in addition to any damages required under the Contractor Reimbursed Engineering Costs Section of the Supplementary Conditions if the work is not complete within the allotted contract time.

Bidder understands and agrees that Flathead County is dependent upon Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds provided by or through the state from DR-1996-P-40-P appropriations for its funding; and that actions by these funding agencies may preclude funding this contract through the completion date. Bidder further understands and agrees that this bid is automatically canceled if funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support the commencement or continuation of performance.

Flathead County reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to waive any irregularities, and to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid which are deemed to be in the best interest of the County. The award of bid will be made solely by the issuance of a letter of award to the successful bidder by the Office of the Flathead County Clerk and Recorder.

Dated this 15th day of September 2015.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Flathead County, Montana

By *Samuel J. Holmquist*
Chairman

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