

INVITATION TO BID

Notice is hereby given that the City of Harlingen, Texas will receive competitive, sealed bids for:

**Bid No. 2017-01 CDBG Street Improvements (Overlay) Project
(Grant No. B-16-MC-48-0504)**

AND

**Bid No. 2017-02 CDBG Bonham Park Improvements Project
(Grant No. B-15-MC-48-0504)**

Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Office, 404 South 54th Street, Harlingen, Texas 78550 during regular business hours or can be mailed/emailed upon request.

Bids must be submitted on or before **2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 20, 2016**, at the Purchasing Office. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at **2:30 p.m., on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at City Hall** located at 118 E. Tyler Avenue, Harlingen, TX 78550. **Bidders are strongly encouraged** to attend a **pre-bid conference at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2016**, in the Conference Room of the Lon C. Hill Building, located at 502 E. Tyler, Harlingen, Texas 78550.

A bid bond in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Harlingen or negotiable U.S. government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon and related Acts) wage rate, as issued by Department of Labor and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other classification protected under the law. All first-tier contractors are required to have or obtain an Employer Identification Number (EIN), a DUNS number, and to register with the System for Award Management (SAM). ***Finally, Contractors will be required to comply with the provisions of the E-Verify Federal Contractor Rule.***

The City of Harlingen reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any formalities or informalities in the bidding and to award the contract to the Bidder which it considers has submitted the best and most advantageous bid. Bids may be held by the City of Harlingen for a period not to exceed **sixty (60) calendar days** from the date of the bid opening. These days shall be utilized for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the Bidders qualifications prior to the contract award. All contractors/subcontractors that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project. The City of Harlingen is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employer. Small (SBE), minority (MBE), and women-owned businesses (WBE) are encouraged to submit bids for this project. Preference will be given to Section 3 Business Concerns certified by the City of Harlingen. **Any business seeking Section 3 preference in the awarding of contracts or purchase agreements with the City must complete the Section 3 self certification process by registering online at <https://portalapps.hud.gov/Sec3BusReg/BRegistry/RegisterBusiness.action> and submit evidence of eligibility for Section 3 preference with their bid proposal package.**

We request that you read carefully the Instructions to Bidders that are enclosed. For further information please contact the Purchasing Department at (956) 216-5316.