

March 30, 2010

NOTICE FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

THE CITY OF FRESNO IS INVITING CONSULTANTS TO SUBMIT
"STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS" FOR

HERNDON CANAL BRIDGE WIDENING

I. Introduction

The City of Fresno Public Works Department is requesting Statements of Qualifications from qualified engineering firms to prepare the design and construction documents for the Herndon Canal Bridge widening. Project funding for the Herndon Canal Bridge is through the Highway Bridge program, administered by Caltrans.

II. Scope of Services

The selected Consultant will provide professional engineering services to widen the existing Herndon Canal bridge as described herein. The scope of work will include design services for the bridge widening, channel protection, and street improvements and the preparation of construction documents, including Plans, Specifications and Estimates. The City will obtain all necessary environmental approvals, complete documents associated with the funding source and obtain all necessary permits for the project.

III. Project Description

The existing bridge is located on Hughes Avenue north of Ashlan Avenue and crosses the Herndon Canal, an irrigation canal owned and operated by Fresno Irrigation District. The 2-lane bridge was originally constructed in 1964 and is approximately 45 feet long. It is a continuous 2-span cast-in-place reinforced concrete slab bridge on reinforced concrete pier wall and diaphragm abutments. The existing width of the bridge, which is approximately 33 feet, does not meet current AASHTO standards and has been designated as Functionally Obsolete due to its deck geometry. In addition, there is inadequate pedestrian access across the bridge. As noted on the latest Bridge Inspection Report, the Sufficiency Rating for this bridge is 76.4.

Hughes Avenue is designated as a collector and has been designed with an 80 foot right of way. Average Daily Traffic is approximately 4,800 vehicles per day. The existing bridge will be widened to match the existing street geometry to the north and south of the structure. Sidewalks and bike lanes will be added to both sides of the street to provide for pedestrians and bicyclists. Total curb to curb width across the bridge will be 64 feet. In addition to the bike lanes, Hughes Avenue between Ashlan Avenue and Emerson Avenue will be restriped to accommodate 2 through lanes and 1 continuous left turn lane consistent with City Standard Drawing P-52B.

Street improvements, including curb, gutter, sidewalk and asphalt paving, will be constructed immediately north and south of the bridge to match existing street improvements. Drive approaches will be constructed where the FID canal meets Hughes Avenue to provide access to the canal banks for FID maintenance equipment. Concrete slope protection upstream and

downstream of the bridge will be constructed per FID standards. Utilities are present at the project site and include storm drain, water, gas and telephone.

IV. SOQ Requirements

If your firm is interested in this project, please submit four (4) copies of your Statement of Qualifications that includes the following:

- Cover letter
- Overview of the firm and any proposed sub-consultants
- Summary of the company's experience and performance on similar projects completed in the last five years including references
- Resumes for the Project Manager and key staff including education, relevant past project experience, and description of their assignment on this project
- Work plan identifying the major tasks to be completed by the consultant team, approach to the work and key issues for this project
- Schedule for project completion including the major tasks identified in the work plan
- Listing of client references associated with completed projects would be desirable.

V. Schedule:

The proposed schedule for hiring and engaging the Consultant is as follows:

- SOQ's submitted to City – by close of business on April 14, 2010
- Interviews of candidates – week of April 26, 2010
- Selection of a Consultant for the Project – week of May 3, 2010
- Proposal from Consultant – week of May 10, 2010
- Approval of Consultant Agreement by Council – June 2010

VI. Consultant Selection

Consultant selection for award of a contract shall be in accordance with City's consultant selection policy. Fresno Municipal Code Section 4-112 provides for a local preference to local firms as defined in said section. Selection will be based on qualitative analysis and cost. Any award of a contract shall be on the basis of the criteria specified above for the respective project and made to the consultant whose fee proposal and qualifications is judged as providing the best value in meeting the interest of the City and the objectives of the project. The City reserves the right to make the selection of a consultant based on any or all factors of value, whether quantitatively identifiable or not, including, but not limited to, the anticipated initiative and ability of the consultant to perform the services set forth herein.

This solicitation for SOQ's does not commit the City of Fresno to enter into a contract or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of the SOQ. The City of Fresno reserves the right to accept or reject any SOQ's, and to negotiate with any qualified consultant, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this solicitation for SOQ's.

Professional Liability Insurance

Professional liability insurance (errors and omissions) with limit of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate, and commercial general liability of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate will be required for this project. The City's standard contract will be used, which includes; a conflict of interest statement, and completion of a statement of economic interest. Copies of the City's Standard Contract, Local Preference, and Consultant Selection Policies are available on request. Any contract exceeding

\$50,000 shall be subject to the approval of the City Council in accordance with Fresno Municipal Code.

Regulated Communication in City Procurement Process Ordinance

The Regulated Communications in City Procurement Process Ordinance (Article 6, Chapter 4 of the Fresno Municipal Code) became effective April 29, 2004. With certain specified exceptions, the Ordinance provides that no Respondent, Bidder, Proposer (as the case may be) shall initiate, engage in, or continue any communication to or with any City elected official concerning or touching upon any matter which is the subject of this competitive procurement process.

Any Respondent, Bidder, Proposer or elected official (as the case may be) who initiates, engages in, continues in, or receives any regulated communication shall file the written disclosure required by the Regulated Communications in City Procurement Process Ordinance.

Any Respondent, Bidder, or Proposer violating the Regulated Communications in City Procurement Process Ordinance may be disqualified from participating in this procurement process and/or determined to be non-responsible. Additionally, the City may set aside the award of a contract, prior to its execution, to a party found to have violated the Ordinance.

Note: The full text of Fresno Municipal Code Chapter 4, Article 6 may be obtained at the City Clerk's office and may be viewed on the City's website at <http://www.fresno.gov>, reference from there the "Doing Business with Fresno" link under the "For Businesses" heading, "Other Purchasing Information," and then "Mayor/Council Communications Ordinance." Additional information can be found under the "FREQ ASK QUESTIONS" on the same page.

Debarment

A Proposer who has been determined by the Council to be non-responsible may be debarred from bidding or proposing upon or being awarded any contract with the City or City of Fresno Redevelopment Agency, or from being a subcontractor or supplier at any tier upon such contract, in accordance with the procedures in Resolution 2003-130 adopted by Council on April 29, 2003. The initial period of any such debarment shall not be less than one year or more than three years. A Proposer may request a hearing, in accordance with Resolution 2003-130, upon receipt of a notice of proposed debarment from the City Manager or his/her designee. A copy of the Resolution may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California 93721.

If your firm is interested in the consulting services for this project, please submit four (4) copies of your Proposal by close of business on Wednesday April 14, 2010 to:

Randy Bell, P.E.
Project Manager
City of Fresno
Department of Public Works
2600 Fresno Street, 4th Floor
Fresno, CA 93721

The City will be utilizing a Standard City Consultant Agreement. Copies of the City's Standard Contract, Local Preference and Consultant Selection Policies are available upon request.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Randy Bell by phone at (559) 621-8679 or by email at randy.bell@fresno.gov

The City of Fresno hereby notifies all consultants that no person shall be excluded from participation in, denied any benefits of, or otherwise discriminated against in connection with the award and performance of any contract on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam era.

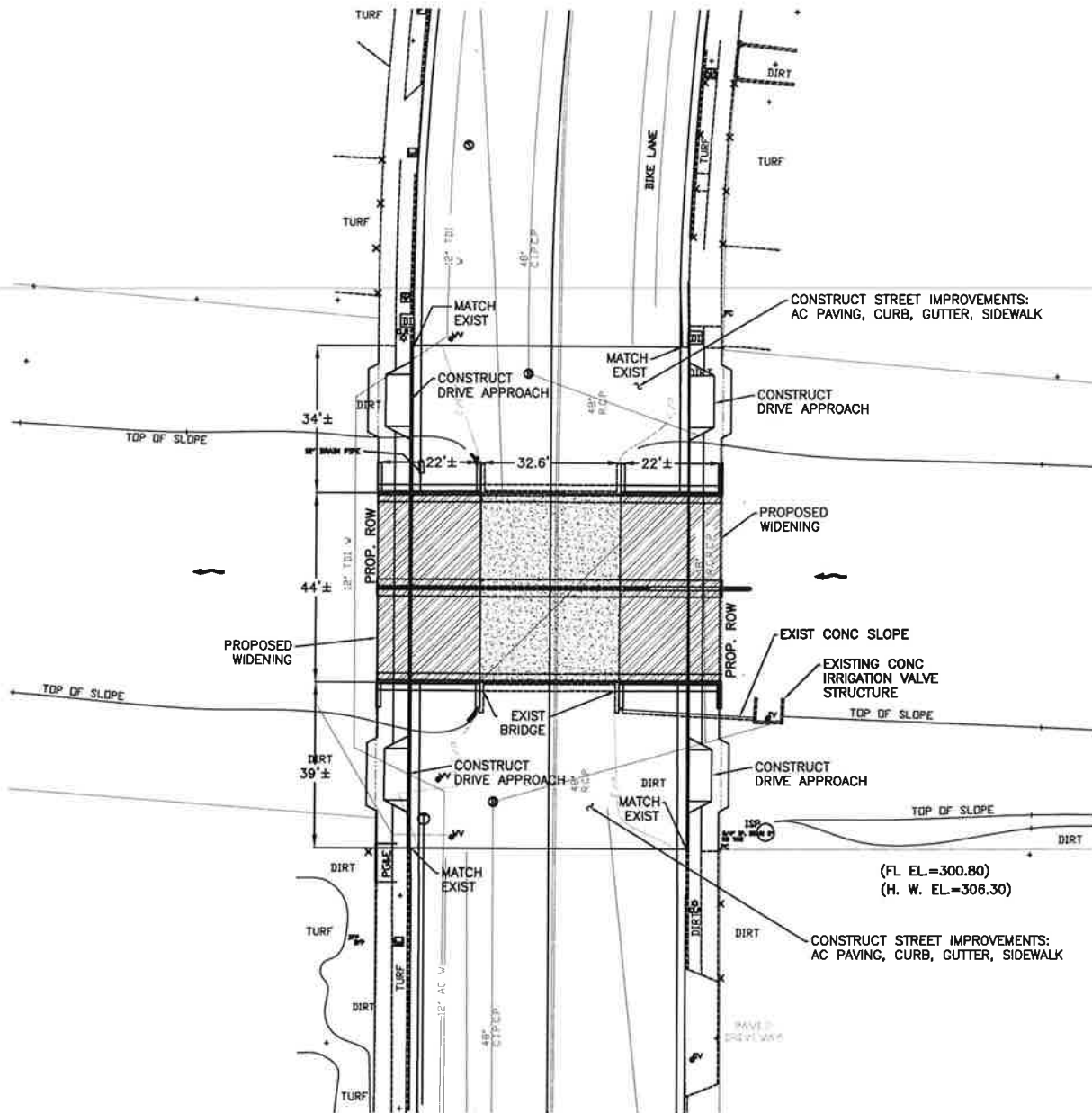
Sincerely,



Randy Bell
Project Manager

Attachments: Exhibit A, Location Map
Exhibit B, Site Plan

EXHIBIT B



SCALE: 1" = 40'



NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION

PW FILE NO. 10391
 PROJ. NO. PW00026
 FUND NO. XXXXX
 ORG. NO. XXXXXX

CITY OF FRESNO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DIRECTOR

HERNDON CANAL BRIDGE

HUGHES AVE N/O ASHLAN AVE

SITE PLAN

CITY ENG. _____ OFFICE ENG. _____	
DR. BY: RB	SHEET 1 OF 1
CH. BY: RB	
DATE: 03/18/10	
SCALE: AS SHOWN	