

Invitation to Bid

Sealed bids will be received by the Office of Procurement Services, on behalf of the Lake County Board of County Commissioners, until 10:00 a.m. on April 25, 2013, for the furnishing of all services, labor, materials and equipment for the construction of the following project: South Lake Trail Phase IIIA, Project No. 2013-03, Bid No. 13-0027.

This project is located in South Lake County along CR 565A and extends the existing South Lake Trail located on Lake Minneola Drive. The project will consist of constructing an asphalt multi-use trail approximately 19,200 feet in length. Other work associated with this project shall include the following: construction of a boardwalk bridge, widening of an existing bridge, gravity wall construction, swale work, sodding, striping, signage, and other miscellaneous incidental construction. This project is funded by the Florida Department of Transportation through a Local Agency Program agreement and the contractor must be an FDOT pre-qualified contractor. State and Federal requirements shall apply. The engineer's estimate is \$2,500,000.

Plans, specifications and bid forms may be obtained from Romine Reprographics at <http://www.rominereprographics.com/> or at 535 Cooper Commerce Drive, Suite 340, Apopka, FL 32703, Phone (407) 464-1700.

Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "SEALED BID FOR PROCUREMENT SERVICES: South Lake Trail Phase IIIA, Project No. 2013-03, Bid No. 13-0027." and mailed or hand carried to Lake County Board of County Commissioners, c/o Procurement Services, 315 West Main Street, P.O. Box 7800, Tavares, Florida 32778. The bidder shall place on the outside of the proposal envelope the name of the firm submitting the proposal.

All bids shall be received no later than the date and time specified above, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Office of Procurement Services, Fourth Floor, Administration Building, Room 441, 315 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida.

Bids may be withdrawn prior to the date of opening, but no bids may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of opening of bids.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and to award the contract in the best interest of Lake County, Florida.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee acceptable to the County Attorney, which shall be one of the following; bid bond or letter of credit, in the

sum of five percent (5%) of the base bid and made payable to Lake County. Said bid bond or letter of credit shall be a guarantee that should the bid be accepted, the bidder will, within ten (10) days after written notice of the award of the contract, enter into a contract with Lake County for the services proposed to be performed and will at that time furnish an acceptable contract surety. Cash, company or personal checks will not be accepted.

A **mandatory** pre-bid conference will be held on April 4, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in the Department of Public Works' conference room, located at 437 Ardice Avenue, Eustis, FL 32726. Bidders are encouraged to purchase and review the plans, specifications, and bid forms prior to the mandatory pre-bid conference so that questions may be presented at that time.