— July 1, 2004 —

NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Purchasing Manager of the City of Fresno for the following:

Construction of
NORTH AVENUE STREET IMPROVMENTS,
STATE ROUTE 41 TO STATE ROUTE 99
(Federal No. STPL 5060-061)

BID FILE NUMBER:2488-10205

The scope of work includes roadway excavation; construction of asphalt concrete pavement, concrete curb, concrete curb and gutter, and concrete sidewalk; construction of street lighting improvements; construction of traffic signal improvements; traffic control; and related work. **The Construction Allocation for this project is $3,400,000.**

Bids will be taken on complete work, in accordance with Plans and Specifications on file in the office of the Purchasing Manager, 2101 "G" Street, Building "A," Fresno California, 93706-1675 , phone number (559)621-1332.

Bid proposal forms, Instructions to Bidders, and copies of the Plans and/or Specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Purchasing Manager upon **deposit of $ 50.00** which is **refundable** upon the return of the Plans and/or Specifications within ten days after the award of a Contract.

Bid Proposals must be filed with the Purchasing Manager prior to the bid opening at 3 p.m. on **Thursday, July 1, 2004,** when the bids will be publicly opened and recorded.

The Council of the City of Fresno has adopted Resolution No. 82-297 ascertaining the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and per diem wages for holidays and overtime in the Fresno area for each craft, classification, or type of workman needed in the execution of Contracts for the City. A copy of the resolution is on file at the Office of the City Clerk. Actual wage schedules are available at Construction Management Office, 1919 East McKinley Avenue, Fresno, California 93703, (559) 621-5500.

All proposals must be made on the Bid Proposal Form provided by the Purchasing Manager and must be accompanied by a Bid Deposit in the amount of **TEN PERCENT (10%) of the Total Net Bid Amount** (or, in bids with Add Alternates, the highest possible combination of the Base Bid Plus Add Alternates) in the form of a certified or cashier's check, an irrevocable letter of credit, or a certificate of deposit or a bidder's bond executed by a corporate surety, admitted by the California Insurance Commissioner to do business in California, payable and acceptable to the City of Fresno; or the Bidder shall have registered with the Purchasing Manager of the City an annual bid bond sufficient to provide coverage in such amount. All Bid Deposits will be held until a Contract has been executed with the successful Bidder or all bids have been rejected.

The City of Fresno hereby notifies all Bidders 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, or on any other basis prohibited by law.

The City will carry out applicable federal requirements in the award and administration of any contract awarded hereunder. **This is a federal project funded with financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).**

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for this Project is **TEN PERCENT (10%)**. DBE participation shall be calculated on the basis of the Total Net Bid Amount and on all possible combinations of the Base Bid Plus Add Alternates, if applicable.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, June 18 2004,in Room 4017N, City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, California. Prospective Bidders are encouraged to attend since City Staff will be present to answer any questions regarding the Specifications, and there may be an inspection tour of the job site(s).

In accordance with provisions of Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by City to ensure performance under the Contract.

A 100 percent Material and Labor Bond and 100 percent Performance Bond for all public works contracts must be filed with the Contract Documents and approved by the City before the Contractor enters upon performance of the Work.

No bid will be considered for award unless the Bidder at the time of bid opening, is licensed with a valid **Class " A "** Contractor's License issued by the State of California.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.