

PRE-ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Request for sealed bids for
Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority
for the
365 Tollway Project - Segments 1 and 2
Toll Collection System Installation, Integration, and Maintenance
Anticipated Release in Early September 2022

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Bid Documents for the 365 Toll Project may be obtained from the HCRMA website at no expense via a CivCAST project listing that will be published to <http://www.hcrma.net/bids.html> **in early September 2022**. This potential procurement is to select a qualified proposer to implement a Toll Collection System Installation, Integration, and Maintenance system. The project will support the overall 365 Toll Project's implementation.

The 365 Toll Project is intended to relieve traffic congestion, facilitate international trade shipments across the U.S./Mexico border, and benefit local travelers; providing a high-speed connection between the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge; the Anzalduas International Bridge; the McAllen Foreign Trade Zone (MCFTZ); and industrial areas and warehouses in McAllen, Mission and Pharr. The 365 Toll Project will also access the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge through Spur 600 at Cage Boulevard and the Border Safety Inspection Facility (BSIF) Connector at Military Highway, which is non-tolled.

Electronic bids via CivCast will be received by the HCRMA, **in early December 2022 (date and time to be finalized with RFP release)**. Bids received after the previously mentioned date and time will not be considered and will be rejected. The HCRMA reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid; hold all bids for 180 days from due date of receipt without actions, waive minor technicalities, require statements or evidence of bidder's qualifications, including financial statements, and award the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Acceptance will be based on the lowest bid of a responsive and responsible contractor that is currently prequalified to do construction work with TxDOT. **Award of bid shall be subject to a final contract award by the HCRMA Board of Directors.**

A Pre-bid Meeting will be held for this project in **October 2022 (date and time to be finalized with RFP release)**. The Pre-bid Meeting will be held both virtually and in-person at HCRMA, 203 W. Newcombe Ave Pharr, Texas 78577. The Pre-bid Meeting is **MANDATORY** and prospective bidders must attend (in-person or virtually) to have their proposal opened. HCRMA Staff and its GEC will review the proposals in accordance with the request for proposal.

Any Contractor intending to bid on this project must be prequalified by Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and able to conduct work within State Right-of-Way. Performance and payment bonds for one hundred (100%) percent of the contract value will be required upon issuance of the contract. While there is no minimum participation for MBE, DBE, HUB, a portion of proposal scoring will be allocated for DBE, HUB, and MBE participation. If included by the proposer, the proposal shall show how the TSI plans on meeting this goal in the proposal and follow HCRMA reporting requirements to demonstrate meeting the goals during the project.

The Hidalgo County Regional Mobility Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The HCRMA will only entertain Questions / RFI's via the project's CivCAST listing, and the HCRMA will provide timely answers (and potentially issue addenda, as needed). Questions / RFI's will not be answered by phone or by any other means other than CivCAST. Inquiries are encouraged to be submitted prior to the mandatory Pre-bid Meeting in October 2022. Inquiries beyond this date will not receive a response. Addenda will be available wherever Bid Documents are made available.