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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS INVITING FORMAL BIDS AND ADVISING OF MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING

COUNTY OF MONTEREY DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

PROJECT NO. 5108 BID NO. 10360 MOUNT TORO GROUNDING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Monterey invites qualified contractors to submit sealed bids for the above project. Bids must be received and date-and-time stamped in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors/168 West Alisal St., 1st Flr/Salinas CA 93901, <u>no later</u> <u>than JULY 23, 2012 2:30 PM</u> at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud by the Contracts/Purchasing Agent in the Clerk of the Board's Conference Room 1032.

A MANDATORY BIDDERS' MEETING with County's Project Manager is scheduled for July 6TH, at 9 a.m. at MOUNT TORO, 20600 CORRAL DE CIELO SALINAS CA 93908.

The bidder shall possess a valid Class A Contractor's License, Harris and/or Motorola R56 certifications at the time this contract is awarded.

Each bid shall be in accordance with the drawings, plans, specifications, and subject to all Special Provisions/Conditions, General Conditions, and other contract documents prepared by the County, and shall be submitted on the bid form prescribed by the County including the required Bidder's Bond. The County of Monterey reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the opening of bids without the written consent of the County of Monterey.

The general work consists of installation of a grounding ring around the building and tower, and connection of every metallic structure surrounding the site to the ring to maintain equal potential. A single-point grounding scheme is required for the site to reduce circulating current, unwanted surges, and lightning from entering the building damaging the equipment.

Determination of the lowest responsible bidder will be based upon the base bid

Interested parties may examine or purchase the project manual, specifications, drawings, and contract documents at the County of Monterey Contracts/Purchasing Office located at 168 W. Alisal St., 3rd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901, (831) 755-4990. Alternately, the Contract Documents will be made available ELECTRONICALLY and can be downloaded for free by going through the Monterey County website: <u>http://www.co.monterey.ca.us/admin/solicitcenter.htm</u>

Plan holders must register before they can view or download the documents. A copy of the electronic files on compact-disc (CD) is also available at the County of Monterey

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Contracts/Purchasing Office located at 168 W. Alisal St., 3rd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901 for a nonrefundable fee of \$5.00 (cash or checks only, no credit cards accepted). The electronic files can be used to print the project plans (full or half size), project specifications, and other such documents at various printing companies.

Copies of the prevailing rate of per diem wages are on file and shall be made available to any interested party on request in the Department of Contracts and Purchasing Office located at 168 West Alisal Street FL3, Salinas CA 93901. It shall be mandatory upon the Contractor to whom the contract is awarded, and upon any subcontractor under him, to pay not less than said specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract.

A bidder's bond issued by an admitted corporate surety company in an amount equal to at least ten percent of the total amount bid, must accompany the bid. A blank Bidder's Bond form is attached to the proposal.

For the selected contractor, a payment bond and a performance bond, each in the amount of 100% of the Contract, are required.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22300, the Contractor may substitute securities for any moneys withheld by the County to ensure performance under the contract.

Bidders must comply with the provisions of Monterey County Code Section 5.08.120, requiring a good-faith effort to hire qualified individuals who are residents of the Monterey Bay Area as defined.

Date: JUNE 26TH 2012

Mike Derr. Contracts/Purchasing Officer