

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Special Provision No. 22-LPA-001

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2022

SUBJECT: General Provisions for Projects let by LPA (with prequalification)

Alabama Standard Specifications, 2022 Edition, shall be amended by the modification of SECTIONS 101, 102, 103, 107, 109 and 110 as follows:

SECTION 101 DEFINITION OF TERMS

101.01 Definitions

This Article (101.01) shall be amended to include the following Subarticle:

(d) LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY

This project is being advertised, let to contract, and administered by a Local Public Agency (henceforth referred to as LPA). The LPA is the awarding authority for the contract. The work shall be under the supervision of the LPA, but subject to the inspection and approval of the proper officials of the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Such inspection shall in no sense make ALDOT a party to this contract and will in no way interfere with the rights of the Contractor or the LPA.

All references made in the standard specifications and in other related and included documents of this proposal, to ALDOT, the "State", the "Department" or "Highway Department", etc. shall be understood to mean the LPA for this project, except in any references made to ALDOT qualification procedures (including prequalification, disqualification, requalification), or to the LPA consulting or interacting with ALDOT, etc. All references made in the standard specifications and in other related and included documents of this proposal, to any of the representatives, employees, officials, bureaus, committees, laboratories and other facilities, physical address and contact information, etc. of ALDOT, the "State", the "Department" or "Highway Department", etc. shall be understood to mean the appropriate and applicable ALDOT or non-ALDOT person(s), parties, facilities, physical address and contact information, etc. as determined (in consultation with ALDOT personnel) and designated by the LPA for this project.

All references made in the standard specifications and in other related and included documents of this proposal, to ALDOT or State of Alabama Highway Department manuals, lists, forms, procedures, and other TECHNICAL publications and documents (including electronic and websites), shall remain intact and in full effect for this project unless otherwise indicated in the plans and proposal.

The term "owner", as used in this proposal and its related and included documents, shall be understood to mean the LPA for this project, except in those cases where it is clear that the term "owner" is used in reference to a party other than the LPA.

SECTION 102 PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

102.02 Qualification of Bidders.

This Article shall be amended by deleting Article 102.02(a) as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(a) PREQUALIFICATION.

Consultants/contractors must be prequalified by ALDOT for project awards in excess of \$1,000,000. Project awards less than \$1,000,000.00 will not require ALDOT prequalification. For project awards in excess of \$1,000,000.00, proposal forms will only be issued to prospective bidders who have qualified with the Alabama Department of Transportation and have a valid ALDOT certification of qualification. Said certification shall be the same as that which would, by State law, be required prior to bid if the project were being let to contract by ALDOT. The contract will not be awarded to a bidder who does not have such a certification in effect with ALDOT at the time of the award, even if a proposal form was issued to that bidder. All applicants for qualification shall submit to ALDOT's Office Engineer Bureau, under Oath, a complete confidential statement, equipment questionnaire, and experience questionnaire on forms that will be furnished by ALDOT upon request. To ensure sufficient time for consideration, the applicant shall properly complete and submit the forms at least 14 calendar days prior to the date of opening bids on which the applicant desires to submit proposals. Forms received at a later date, so long as they are received prior to the date and time set for the opening of the bids, will be considered whenever practicable.

If the applicant is a corporation organized in a State other than Alabama, it shall furnish a certificate from the Secretary of State showing that it is qualified to transact business in Alabama. A corporation from another State can be issued a certificate valid for award of contracts only on projects involving Federal participation, without the certificate from the Secretary of State.

A prospective bidder will not be prequalified who has a corporate officer, director, or principal owner who is a corporate officer, director, or owner of another person which is presently disqualified by ALDOT. A prospective bidder will also not be prequalified who is an affiliate of a person that is presently disqualified by ALDOT.

For the purposes of this Section, the following definitions shall apply:

- an affiliate shall be defined as any person that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another person.
- a person shall be defined as an individual, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a joint stock company, a trust, or any unincorporated organization.
- control shall be defined as the ownership, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the voting securities of a person or if the person is not a corporation, an ownership interest, directly or indirectly of 10% or more of the person.

This Article shall be further amended by deleting the first sentence of Subarticle (b) through the colon (":") as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(b) DISQUALIFICATION.

ALDOT will have the right to disqualify a prospective bidder and prohibit the issuance of a proposal and/or award of a contract to that bidder, the LPA will have the right to refuse to award a contract to a bidder (even if a proposal form was issued to the bidder), and ALDOT and the LPA may each elect to consider a contractor to be disqualified from bidding on this or any

future contracts with their respective agencies, for any of the following reasons related to this or any other projects with ALDOT or this LPA:

102.03 Contents of Proposal Form.

This Article shall be amended by deleting Subarticle (b) as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(b) ADDENDA.

Minor changes, corrections, additions, and deletions to the proposal package may be put into effect by the LPA, in the form of Addenda. Prospective bidders to whom bid documents have been distributed prior to the release of respective Addenda will be notified of the Addenda by documented hand-delivery, certified or express type mail, facsimile, telegram, or other electronic media. Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of all Addenda, in writing, in the space so designated in the proposal.

102.06 Preparation of Proposal.

This Article shall be amended by deleting Subarticle (a) as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(a) PROPOSAL FORM.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal form furnished him by the LPA. Proposal forms are numbered serially and are not transferable. Unless otherwise provided in the proposal, joint venturers may submit a proposal for a joint venture of qualified bidders on a proposal form issued to one of them, provided each venturer has taken out a proposal and provided the proposal is signed by each co-venturer.

This Article shall be further amended by deleting Subarticle (b) as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(b) DETAILS.

On the "CONTRACT SCHEDULE" included in the proposal form the bidder shall enter in figures a unit price and the extended amount bid (unit price X quantity) in the appropriate column for each bid item, exclusive of those items for which a fixed contract unit price and extension amount are shown. In all prices and amounts entered on the proposal form, the respective figures for dollars and cents shall be clearly separated by a single decimal. If the bidder desires to bid a fraction of a cent for the unit price, he can do so by entering up to four figures to the right of a decimal. On "lump sum" items an entry shall be shown in the amount bid column. If a bidder wishes to bid an item "free", then he shall enter "0.00" in the unit price column (if applicable) and "0.00" in the amount bid column. After all extensions are made, the bidder shall total the extended amounts of the bid items and show his total bid amount in the appropriate place on the proposal form.

Except as provided for in the following paragraph, where the "CONTRACT SCHEDULE" included in the proposal form lists alternate designs or packages (designated as "Alternates"), the bidder shall enter prices on Alternate-related items only for the Alternate which will be most economical for him to construct. All items not designated for a specific Alternate are common items for all Alternates. The bidder shall enter prices for all such common items, as well as for any items relating to the specific Alternate being bid. In the event that the bidder enters prices

for more than one of the listed Alternates (except as provided for in the paragraph below), then the bid shall be considered to be based upon the lowest-priced Alternate.

If the CONTRACT SCHEDULE lists any Alternates as “Cumulative Alternates”, then each Cumulative Alternate represents items which the owner may choose to include in the contract in addition to the items included in the “Base Bid”. Prior to the award of the contract, the selection of any Cumulative Alternates to be included in the contract will be made by the LPA. The selection of Cumulative Alternates (or “Base Bid” with no Cumulative Alternates) will be made cumulatively in the order that they appear on the proposal form, from Base Bid to last Cumulative Alternate, skipping no Cumulative Alternates between the Base Bid and the last chosen Cumulative Alternate. The bidder shall enter prices on ALL Cumulative Alternates. Cumulative Alternates must be bid as a positive or zero (“\$0.00”) amount. No deductive Cumulative Alternates will be considered. If a negative amount is entered for a Cumulative Alternate, it will be considered as a zero additive. The low bidder and contract amount will be determined based upon the total amount bid for the Base Bid plus the additive amounts bid for any selected Cumulative Alternates.

If any item on the proposal form permits a choice between alternate specified types of materials, the bidder shall indicate by a check mark the type of material he proposes to use. If more than one type or none is checked, then the owner will make the selection. Permitted choices between alternate types of materials represent an option made available to the bidder for his convenience and economy in bidding a required item, and are not to be confused with formally designated “Alternates” or “Cumulative Alternates”, as discussed in the preceding two paragraphs.

All figures shall be legibly shown in ink or typed. Any interlineation, erasure, or other alteration of a figure shall be initialed by the signer of the proposal. The LPA will check the extension of each item given in the proposal and correct all errors and discrepancies. In case of a discrepancy between a unit bid price and the extension amount, the unit price shall govern. The sum of the extension amounts will be the contract bid price.

A pay item may be shown with a maximum allowable amount for the bid. The bidder shall enter an amount for the bid that is equal or less than the maximum allowable amount. If the bid entered is greater than the maximum allowable amount, the LPA will adjust the bid price to the maximum allowable amount for that item and recalculate the total bid amount.

A pay item may be shown with a minimum required amount for the bid. The bidder shall enter an amount for the bid that is equal to or greater than the minimum required amount. If the bid entered is less than the minimum required amount, the LPA will adjust the bid price to the minimum required amount for that item and recalculate the total bid amount.

This Article shall be further amended by deleting Subarticle (c) as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(c) SIGNING.

The bidder’s proposal must be signed with ink by the individual, by one or more members of the partnership, by one or more members or officers of each firm representing a joint venture, or by one or more officers of a corporation, or by an agent of the Contractor legally qualified and acceptable to the LPA. If the proposal is made by an individual, his name and business address must be shown; by a partnership, the name and business address of each partnership member must be shown; as a joint venture, the name and business address of each member or officer of the firms represented by the joint venture must be shown; by a corporation, the name of the corporation and the business address of its corporate officials must be shown.

The proposal bid bond, if bid bond is tendered, shall be properly signed by the bidder and the surety.

This Article shall be further amended by deleting Subarticle (e), COMPUTER BIDDING, in its entirety.

102.07 Irregular Proposals.

This Article shall be amended by deleting the Subarticle (a) as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(a) GENERAL.

Proposals will be considered irregular and may be rejected if they contain any omissions, alteration of form, additions not called for, incomplete bids (includes failure to enter a unit bid price on a bid item or, in the case of an Alternate, the Alternate being bid by the Contractor, or on a Cumulative Alternate), interlineations, erasures or alterations not initialed by the person signing the proposal, or other irregularities of any kind. Proposals may be rejected at any time prior to the execution of the contract by the LPA.

Any bidder using the same or different names for submitting more than one proposal upon any project will be disqualified from further consideration on that project. Evidence that any bidder is interested, as a principal, in more than one proposal for work contemplated (for example bidding in a partnership, as a joint partnership or association, and as a partnership, association, or individuals) will cause the rejection of any such proposal. A bidder, however, may submit a proposal as a principal and as a Subcontractor to some other principal, or may submit a proposal as a Subcontractor to as many other principals as he desires, and by doing so will not be liable to disqualification in the intent of these Specifications.

102.08 Combination Bids.

This Article shall be amended by deleting Item 6 under Subarticle (a) as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(a) COMBINATION BIDDING.

6. SUBMITTAL OF WRITTEN STATEMENT OF NOTIFICATION OF COMBINATION BID.

The bidder shall notify the LPA in writing of a bid that is being submitted as a combination bid. In order for a bid to be evaluated as a combination bid, prior to the opening of bids, the written notification must be enclosed in the sealed bid package envelopes of each bid that is being combined in a combination bid. Alternatively, it may also be transmitted to the awarding authority by facsimile. The Contractor shall be responsible for verifying that the facsimile has been received by the LPA prior to the opening of bids. The letter of notification of a combination bid shall:

- be addressed to the same LPA official as the proposal;
- describe the type of combination bid ("All or None", "Reduction in Unit Price", etc.);
- be dated no later than the date set for bid opening;
- be written on the bidder's letterhead;
- be signed by a person authorized to sign contracts for the bidder;
- contain a list of the project numbers included in the proposed combination bid.

This Article shall be further amended by deleting Subarticle (b) as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(b) PROJECT LET BY LPA.

Combination bids will not be accepted on any project or projects let by a LPA unless it is in combination with, and only with, other project(s) being let at the same time (bids due at the same exact time) by the same LPA.

102.10 Delivery of Proposals.

This Article shall be amended by deleting Article 102.10 as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

Each proposal for each contract shall be placed, together with the proposal guaranty, in a sealed envelope on the outside of which is written in large letters "Proposals for Highway Work" or "Bid Proposal", and so marked as to indicate the project number, the name of the LPA (city, county, university, etc.), the town or city in which the work is located or, if not in a town or city, the name of the county in which the work is located, and the name of the bidder. Proposals will be received by the LPA at the location stated in the Notice to Contractors, until the hour and date set therein for the opening of bids. No proposal will be considered which has not been received prior to the hour and date set for the opening of bids. Proposals received after that time will be returned.

102.11 Withdrawal or Revision of Proposals.

This Article shall be amended by deleting Article 102.11 as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

A bidder may withdraw or revise a proposal after it has been deposited with the LPA, provided the request for such is received by the LPA in writing, or by facsimile or telegram before the time set for opening proposals. The request must bear the same signature(s) which the bidder has affixed to the proposal. No proposal may be modified or corrected after the time set for opening such proposals.

Withdrawal of proposals after bid opening will be permitted without forfeiture of bid guaranty only as provided for by, and when evidence of a mistake is furnished in accordance with, Section 39-2-11(d), Code of Alabama, 1975. Such evidence of mistake must be furnished no later than three working days after the opening of bids. Upon such withdrawal without forfeiture, the bidder shall be prohibited from (1) doing any work on the contract, either as a subcontractor or in any other capacity, and (2) bidding on the same project if it is readvertised for letting.

102.13 Multiple Bids.

This Article (102.13) shall be deleted in its entirety.

**SECTION 103
AWARD AND EXECUTION OF CONTRACT**

103.02 Award of Contract.

This Article shall be amended by deleting Subarticle (a) as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(a) GENERAL.

The award of contract, if to be awarded, will be made within 30 calendar days after opening of proposals to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose proposals comply with the requirements of Section 102 and the invitation to bid (Notice to Contractors). Should no award be made within 30 days, all proposals will be rejected unless the successful bidder agrees in writing to a stipulated extension in the time limit for award. The successful bidder will be notified by telegram, confirmed facsimile, or letter mailed to the address shown on the proposal that his bid has been accepted and that he has been awarded the contract.

After the opening of bids, the award of the contract to the low bidder will be contingent upon said low bidder's possession of a valid certification of qualification in accordance with Article 102.02. On work involving Federal funds, the award of the contract to the low bidder will also be contingent upon said low bidder obtaining a license from the State Licensing Board for General Contractors in accordance with the existing State laws.

SECTION 107 LEGAL RELATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITY TO PUBLIC

107.21 Stormwater Management.

This Article shall be amended by deleting Subarticle (c) as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(c) NPDES NOTICE OF INTENT.

A "Notice of Intent" (NOI) is an application filed with ADEM requesting NPDES registration. If an NOI has been filed or is required for the project site, the LPA will be the OWNER of record with ADEM for the NOI. The Contractor shall be the OPERATOR and shall comply with all requirements of the NOI.

A Project Note will be shown on the plans to indicate whether or not an NOI has been filed with ADEM for the project. If an NOI has been filed, the note may also provide information regarding the availability of a Construction Best Management Practices Plan (CBMPP) for the project. If an NOI has not been filed, the note may further indicate that the Contractor is required to file an NOI at his own expense.

The Contractor shall be responsible for filing all NOI's required by ADEM on all material pits, waste areas, plant sites, haul roads, and other off-site areas used by him to construct the project. For each area requiring an NOI to be filed, a copy of written acknowledgement from ADEM verifying that a complete NOI has been filed shall be forwarded to the LPA before ground is disturbed in that area.

SECTION 109 MEASUREMENT AND PAYMENT

109.12 Final Payment

This Article shall be amended by deleting the last sentence of Subarticle (c) as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(c) FINAL ESTIMATE DOCUMENTATION.

Failure by the Contractor to furnish any of the above documentation may be cause for either or both, the owner and/or ALDOT, to consider the Contractor to be disqualified from future bidding and contract awards, as per Article 102.02.

SECTION 110 CLAIMS

110.04 Claims Process.

This Article shall be amended by deleting Article 110.04 as written and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

(a) GENERAL.

After the work has been completed on the disputed item(s) of work, the Contractor shall have 90 calendar days to submit his claim. Any claim not submitted within this 90 calendar day period is waived. The Contractor shall submit six copies of the claim, containing the required documentation listed in Article 110.03, to the LPA. Once the claim is received, the LPA will review the claim submittal in accordance with its local policies and procedures.

(b) PARTICIPATION AND REVIEW BY ALDOT.

If the LPA desires for ALDOT to participate in the possible funding of the Contractor's claim, provided the claim is determined to be valid and funding is available, the LPA shall notify ALDOT of the Contractor's notice of intent to file a claim, and any meetings, hearings, etc. In addition, the LPA shall provide a copy of the Contractor's claim when it is submitted, and then the LPA's written response based on their review. Failure of the LPA to notify ALDOT of the notice of intent and any associated meetings and submittals shall constitute a waiver by the LPA for any possible funding by ALDOT.

The claim and the LPA's response will be reviewed by the Region Engineer within 30 calendar days after the LPA has submitted it to the administering Region. The Region Engineer will review the claim and prepare a recommendation for ALDOT's level of funding participation. The Region Engineer's recommendation will be reviewed by the chairman of ALDOT's Claims Committee, and a response provided back to the Region within 30 calendar days. The review and response by the Region Engineer and chairman of the Claims Committee in the amount of ALDOT funding for the claim shall be final, non-appealable and not subject to judicial or other review. Their decision is binding with the LPA.

Even if the claim is determined to be valid, ALDOT's level of funding will be based on the amount of monies remaining in the project agreement with the LPA.

110.06 Auditing of Claims.

This Article shall be amended by deleting the first paragraph and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

All claims submitted by the LPA to ALDOT shall be subject to audit by the Department's External Auditor at any time following the filing of such claim. The audit may begin on ten day's notice to the LPA, Contractor, Subcontractor, or Supplier. The LPA, Contractor, Subcontractor, or Supplier shall cooperate with the auditors. Failure of the LPA, Contractor, Subcontractor, or Supplier to maintain and retain sufficient records to allow the Department's auditor to verify the

claim shall constitute a waiver of that portion of such claim that cannot be verified and shall bar recovery thereunder.