

Gasparilla Island Bridge Authority

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SOUTHERN ROADWAY STORM RESTORATION

RFP #2017-05



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INTRODUCTION

The State of Florida Independent Special District known as the Gasparilla Island Bridge Authority (the “GIBA”) was created by Special Act 96-507 of the Florida Legislature. The GIBA is run by a Board of five (5) elected voting Supervisors and four (4) appointed non-voting Supervisors who meet quarterly. The GIBA Special Tax District includes all voters within the geographic area from the CR 775/ Causeway intersection (in Charlotte County), south along the Boca Grande Causeway past North and Cole Islands to Gasparilla Island’s village of Boca Grande (in Lee County). The mission of the GIBA is to maintain safe and efficient traffic flow at all times through the toll booths, along the causeway and along the Intracoastal water way, and to make fair and balanced decisions which impact a diverse group of stakeholders including owners, travelers, local businesses and employees.

The Boca Grande Swing Bridge, two fixed-span bridges and causeway are located in southwest Charlotte County near Placida. It is the only land link from Charlotte County to the three barrier islands known as North Island, Cole Island and Gasparilla Island. All three bridges and the causeway are operated and maintained by the GIBA and owned by the public residing within the GIBA Special District.

PURPOSE

A portion of the Boca Grande Causeway suffered flooding damage due to hurricane Irma. The flooding compromised the stability of portions of the grassed shoulders and underlying soil. The purpose of this Request for Proposal is to hire a Contractor to restore the damaged areas back to pre-Hurricane Irma status. The GIBA’s right of way in this area is 50 ft. This includes: 2- 11 foot travel lanes, 2- 4 foot paved shoulders, and the remaining 20 ft. is sod/drainage. Outside of the right of way there is a 10 ft. drainage and utility easement on both the east and west sides.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of services will include all labor, services, materials and products to perform the following:

Restoration which includes regrading and resodding, the damaged swales and shoulders south of the South Fixed Bridge using Bahia grass in accordance with FDOT Design Standards (see attached FDOT standard).

The original roadway Construction Plans for Gasparilla Road Safety Improvements plans dated 9/9/15 designed by Kisinger Campo and Associates plans showing the drainage structures and slope finish grade elevations provided as a supplement for restoration requirements. The restoration plan provided is intended to show limits of restoration only. All details and elevations are to be referenced from the Gasparilla Road Safety Improvements plans. The plans are marked showing the areas to be restored to original design elevations.

PROPOSAL CONTENTS

Submit one (1) original hard copy. Within your Proposal, please include and clearly identify the items listed below. Failure to include all of the required information may result in disqualification of a bidder.

- A. Contractor’s name, address, and names of primary contact person.
- B. Subcontractor listing.
- C. List of three (3) client references.
- D. Lump sum fee for the work to be performed, including costs from all anticipated sub-contractors. Price should include detailed breakdown of all components.
 1. Mobilization/Demobilization - Mobilization shall include all items detailed in Section 101 of the FDOT Standard Specification. Also included, but not limited to, as part of this bid item is the cost for project performance indemnifications, preconstruction photographs and videotaping, scheduling, clean-up and restoration not included elsewhere. Payment for all work included under this bid item will be made at the lump sum price bid for mobilization and demobilization of all labor, equipment, materials and appurtenances necessary for construction of the portion of the project included in Bid.
 2. Restoration - Payment for work under this bid item will be made at the unit price for grading and furnishing and placing all grassing and sod. Restoration shall be in accordance with the contract documents and existing conditions. Payment shall include all items and incidentals necessary to complete the work including, but limited to, Maintenance of Traffic (MOT), debris removal, compaction, leveling, sod, seed, mulch, fertilizer,

and water. Sod and seed shall match existing conditions and type. It shall be the Contractor's responsibility to conduct operations to minimize the area of restoration required.

3. Additional work will be billed at an hourly rate on a time and materials basis. This out of scope work must have prior approval in writing by GIBA.

E. The bidder must include in the bid a detailed plan on maintaining the traffic flow along the roadway at all times. The bidder will inform GIBA staff of all planned lane closures and/or expected traffic disruptions.

F. Proof of Insurance.

The design drawings can be found on the PRESS/MEDIA tab of the GIBA website at www.giba.us or picked up in person at the GIBA administration office located at 6201 Boca Grande Causeway Placida, FL 33946. Questions must be directed in writing to kathygiba@earthlink.net. Responses to questions will be posted as Addenda on the GIBA website and it is the bidder's responsibility to download addenda. Do not contact GIBA staff or Board Members via telephone with questions.

GIBA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and/or informalities and to disregard all non-conforming, non-responsive, unbalanced or conditional bids. GIBA complies with all Equal Opportunity requirements. All qualified contractors will receive consideration without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, marital status, religion, ancestry, mental or physical handicap or age.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Questions or Clarifications

Any questions or requests for clarification must be submitted in written or e-mail form to the GIBA. The GIBA shall not be responsible for oral interpretations given by any GIBA employee, representative, or others. The issuance of a written addendum is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given. If any addenda are issued to this RFP, the GIBA will attempt to notify all prospective proposers who have secured same; however, it shall be the responsibility of each proposer, prior to submitting their proposal, to contact the GIBA to determine if addenda were issued. Any question or request must include the RFP number and title.

Proposal Expenses

All proposal preparation expenses are to be borne by the proposer.

Disclosure

Upon receipt, responses become "Public Records" and shall be subject to public disclosure consistent with Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

Reserved Rights

The GIBA reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all proposals, to waive irregularities and technicalities, and to request resubmission. Any sole response received by the first submission date may or may not be rejected by the GIBA, depending on available competition and timely needs of the GIBA. The GIBA reserves the right to award the contract to a responsible proposer submitting a responsive proposal, with a resulting negotiated agreement which is most advantageous and in the best interests of the GIBA. The GIBA shall be the sole judge of the proposal, and the resulting negotiated agreement that is in its best interest and its decision shall be final. Also, the GIBA reserves the right to make such investigation, as it deems necessary to determine the ability of any proposer to perform the work or service requested. The proposer shall provide all information the GIBA deems necessary to make this determination.

Applicable Laws

The proposer must be authorized to transact business in the State of Florida. All applicable laws and regulations of the State of Florida will apply to any resulting agreement.

Code of Ethics

With respect to this proposal, if any proposer violates or is a party to a violation of the State of Florida per Florida Statutes, Chapter 112, Part III, Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees, such proposer may be disqualified from performing the work described in this proposal or from furnishing the goods or services for which the proposal is submitted and shall be further disqualified from submitting any future proposals for work or for goods or services for the GIBA.

Public Entity Crimes

Pursuant to Section 287.133(2)(a) of the Florida Statutes, a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Section 287.017 of the Florida Statutes, for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list.

Equal Employment Opportunity

The GIBA, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 CFR, Part 8) issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all prospective proposers that they will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to participate in response to this advertisement and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, age or national origin in consideration for an award.

Americans with Disabilities Act

The Board of Supervisors of the GIBA does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the GIBA's functions including one's access to, participation, employment, or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation for the public meetings specified herein (i.e. Information Conference or Proposal Opening), should contact the person named on the first page of this document at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the activity.

Permits, Regulations, Laws

The firm shall pay for all permits, licenses and approvals necessary to complete the project. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, ordinances, rules, orders and regulations.

Insurance

Workers' Compensation: Bidder shall carry coverage to apply to all employees for Statutory Limits in compliance with the applicable state and federal laws. The policy must include Employer's Liability with a minimum limit of \$100,000 each accident.

General Liability: Bidder shall have minimum limits of \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability. This shall include Premises and/or Operations, Independent Contractors, Products and/or Completed Operations, Broad Form Property Damage and SCU Coverage, and a Contractual Liability Endorsement.

Business Auto Policy: Bidder shall have minimum limits of \$1,000,000 Per Occurrence Combined Single Limit for Bodily Injury Liability and Property Damage Liability. This shall include owned vehicles, hired and non-owned vehicles and employee non-ownership.

AWARD

Award of this RFP shall be made to the firm that, in the sole opinion of the GIBA, best satisfies the needs of the GIBA.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals shall be received until 4:00pm on March 27, 2018:

Mailing Address:

Gasparilla Island Bridge Authority
P.O. Box 1918
Boca Grande, Florida 33921-1918

Email: kathygiba@earthlink.net

Physical Address:

Gasparilla Island Bridge Authority
6201 Boca Grande Causeway
Placida, FL 33946

TIMING

It is anticipated that the work will be completed late April early May 2018.

Proposals not received by deadline will not be considered.

SECTION 02485
SEEDING AND SODDING (FDOT Design Standards section 02485)

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE OF WORK

- A. Furnish all labor, materials, and equipment necessary to satisfactorily return all construction areas to their original conditions or better.
- B. Work includes furnishing and placing seed or sod, fertilizer, planting, watering, and maintenance until acceptance by the Owner.

1.2 QUALITY ASSURANCE

A. Requirements

It is the intent of this specification that the Contractor is obliged to deliver a satisfactory strand of grass as specified. If necessary, the Contractor shall repeat any or all of the work, including grading, fertilizing, watering, and seeding or sodding at no additional cost to the owner until a satisfactory strand is obtained.

B. Satisfactory Strand

For purposes of grassing, a satisfactory strand of grass is herein defined as a full lawn cover over areas to be seeded or sodded, with grass free of weeds, alive and growing, leaving no bare spots larger than 3/4 sq. yd. within a radius of 10 ft.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.01 Materials

A. Fertilizer

Fertilizer shall be of the slow-release type meeting the following minimum requirements: 12 percent nitrogen, 3 percent phosphorus, 6 percent potassium; 40 percent other available materials derived from organic sources. Fertilizer shall be uniform in composition, dry and free flowing delivered to sites in original unopened containers bearing manufacturer's statement or guarantee.

B. Grassing

The Contractor shall grass all unpaved areas disturbed during construction which do not require sod. All grassing shall be completed in conformance with FDOT Specifications Sections 570 and 981. The grassed areas shall be mulched and fertilized in accordance with FDOT Specifications.

C. Sodding

Sod shall be provided as required in accordance with Florida Department of Transportation Specifications 575 and 981. The Contractor shall furnish sod equal to and similar in type as that disturbed. Placement and watering requirements shall be in accordance with FDOT Specifications Section 575.

D. Topsoil

Topsoil stockpiled during excavation may be used. If additional topsoil is required to replace topsoil removed during construction, it shall be obtained off site at no additional cost to the Owner. Topsoil shall be fertile, natural surface soil, capable of producing all trees, plants, and grassing specified herein.

E. Mulch

Mulch shall be fresh cypress mulch. Rate of application specified herein shall correspond to depth not less than 1" or more than 3" according to texture and moisture content of much material.

F. Water

It is the Contractor's responsibility to supply all water to the site, as required during seeding and sodding operations and through the maintenance period and until the work is accepted. The Contractor shall make whatever arrangements may be necessary to ensure an adequate supply of water to meet the needs for his work. He shall also furnish all necessary hose, equipment, attachments, and accessories for the adequate irrigation of lawns and planted areas as may be required. Water shall be suitable for irrigation and free from ingredients harmful to plant life.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.01 INSTALLATION

A. Time of Seeding and Sodding

When the trench backfill has stabilized sufficiently, the Contractor shall commence work on lawns and grassed areas, including fine grading as required.

B. Finish Grading

Areas to be seeded or sodded shall be finish graded, raked, and debris removed. Soft spots and uneven grades shall be eliminated; the Engineer shall approve the finish grade of all areas to be seeded or sodded prior to application of seed or sod.

C. Protection

Seeded and sodded areas shall be protected against the traffic or other use by placing warning signs or erecting barricades as necessary. Any areas damaged prior to actual acceptance by the Owner shall be repaired by the Contractor as directed by the Engineer.

3.1 CLEANUP

- A. Soil, mulch, seed, or similar materials spilled onto paved areas shall be removed promptly, keeping those areas as clean as possible at all times. Upon completion of seeding and sodding operations, all excess soil, stones, and debris remaining shall be removed from the construction areas.

3.2 LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

- A. Any existing landscape items damaged or altered during construction by the Contractor shall be restored or replaced as directed by the Engineer.
- B. Maintain landscape work for a period of 90 days immediately following complete installation of work or until Owner accepts project. Watering, seeding, cultivating, restoration of grade, mowing and trimming grass, protection from insects and diseases, fertilizing and similar operations as needed to ensure normal growth and good health for live plant material shall be the responsibility of the Contractor and at no additional cost to the Owner.

3.3 REPAIRS TO LAWN AREAS DISTURBED BY CONTRACTOR'S OPERATIONS

- A. Lawn areas planted under this Contract and all lawn areas damaged by the Contractor's operation shall be repaired at once by proper soil preparation, fertilizing, and reseeding or sodding, in accordance with these Specifications.