



Invitation for Bids (IFB) for Emergency Construction Services to Provide Slope Stability for the Sespe Creek Overflow Railroad Bridge Approach on the Santa Paula Branch Line

The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is **seeking availability and quotes from qualified contractors to complete emergency repairs to stabilize the west embankment of the Sespe Creek Overflow and the approach to the railroad bridge.** Please see attached materials linked below for further information and to download bid forms, scope of work, and exhibits.

Background: The Sespe Creek Overflow railroad bridge is located on the Santa Paula Branch Line (SPBL) railroad at approximately Mile Post 423.44, just west of Fillmore, California, and upstream from the Old Telegraph Road Bridge. In January 2023, a series of storms washed out three spans, or approximately 90 feet, of the railroad bridge. Then in February 2024, an atmospheric river storm and resulting water flows caused additional erosion resulting in a complete cut of the existing embankment in front of the abutment and erosion behind the abutment and underneath the railroad track structure, exposing approximately 50 additional feet of track. To repair the damaged bridge and restore rail service, the vertical cut-bank at approach must first be stabilized to prevent further erosion. At this time, VCTC is seeking a licensed contractor for emergency services to stabilize the embankment and repair the railroad bridge approach only. A subsequent procurement will take place to reconstruct the damaged bridge sections during Summer 2025.

Scope of Work: As further described in the attached scope of work and exhibit, tasks include:

- Install temporary cofferdam to divert water away from project site
- Install H-pile wall outside of the ordinary high-water mark
- Backfill the eroded approach
- Regrade the vertical cut-bank to a slope for stability
- Place riprap according to classifications
- Quality control and materials testing
- Remove suspended rail and ties (ties will be deposited onsite for disposal by Sierra Northern Railway)

Proposals/Quotes: Please include the following:

- Quote Forms (see below),
- Brief workplan to demonstrate understanding of the project,
- Brief description of similar projects completed, and
- Proposed timeline/schedule to complete the project.

Using expedited emergency procurement procedures, VCTC plan to execute a contract during the week of September 9, 2024 with Notice-To-Proceed on the same day.

VCTC would greatly appreciate your consideration and submittal of a quote **by Wednesday, August 28, 2024, no later than 4:00 PM. At least one hardcopy and one electronic copy of the bid package shall be submitted to the VCTC Office:**

**Ventura County Transportation Commission
C/O Amanda Fagan
751 E. Daily Drive, Suite 420,
Camarillo, CA 93010**

Please direct any questions via email to Caitlin Brooks, Program Manager for Transportation Planning, at cbrooks@goventura.org by **August 23, 2024 by 4PM.**

This is an open invitation for bids to all contractors, however, VCTC notified the following firms directly:

Security Paving Company, Inc.

Granite Construction

Summer Construction, Inc.

Toro Enterprises, Inc.

Union Engineering Co., Inc.

Demo Unlimited, Inc.

Foundation Constructors, Inc.

Griffith Company

Beador Construction

Bosco Contractors Inc.

MWC Group, Inc.

Stroer & Graff, Inc.

EMERGENCY CONTRACT
QUOTE
FOR
SESPE CREEK OVERFLOW RAILROAD BRIDGE APPROACH & EMBANKMENT REPAIRS
LOCATED IN
VENTURA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

INCLUDING **6** SHEETS OF PLANS.

NOTICE-TO-PROCEED OR THE STARTING DATE OF CONTRACT WILL BE **September 9, 2024**.

COMPLETION TIME IS **45** CALENDAR DAYS (SEE SECTION 1-2).

CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE CLASSIFICATION REQUIRED IS **CLASS A**.

INSURANCE IS REQUIRED AS SPECIFIED IN SCOPE OF WORK-SECTION 1-5 AND TEMPLATE CONTRACT, ARTICLE XXV.

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP CODE:** _____

DELIVERY ADDRESS (CONTRACT RELATED DOCS), IF DIFFERENT FROM MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____ **FAX NO.** _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Project Name: Sespe Creek Overflow Railroad Bridge Approach & Embankment Emergency Repairs

INSTRUCTIONS

1. **CONTRACT TERM.** The duration of the term is approximately 67 calendar days from NTP.
2. **PRE-BID REQUIREMENTS.** There will be no mandatory pre-bid job walk or mandatory pre-bid conference meeting.
3. **LICENSING.** Contractor shall be licensed in accordance with the provisions of Sections 7000 through 7145 of the Business and Professions Code of the State of California in the classification required for the work bid on. The CONTRACTOR's license number, classification, and expiration date shall be inserted into the form. The CONTRACTOR's name shall correspond in all respects with the name shown on the license. License numbers and names are checked with the State.
4. **SITE INSPECTION.** Personally visit the worksite to ascertain the existence of any surface or subsurface conditions affecting the cost of the work. Access to railroad right-of-way must be coordinated with the Railroad Operator, Sierra Northern Railway, by contacting Matt Blackburn, General Manager – Ventura Division, at 530-490-1446.
5. **INTERPRETATION AND QUESTIONS.** Carefully review the scope of work for any errors, omissions, or ambiguities. If you discover any or have specific questions, notify the Commission far enough in advance of the bid opening to allow time for the issuance of appropriate written addenda, if necessary. Send the notification about any errors, omissions, ambiguities, or questions to cbrooks@goventura.org. Written addenda shall be the sole means for modifying the scope of work prior to the bid opening. The Commission shall not be bound by oral communications purportedly modifying or interpreting the scope of work regardless of when or by whom such oral communications are made and you should not rely upon such oral communications in preparing your bid. Deadline to submit questions to Caitlin Brooks (cbrooks@goventura.org) is August 23, 2024 no later than 4:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. Questions submitted after the deadline may or may not be answered at the discretion of VCTC. VCTC will provide formal responses via an Addenda by August 26, Close of Business.
6. **SUBCONTRACTOR LICENSE NUMBERS.** The Subcontractors and off-job fabricators list must be completed in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 4104. License numbers for subcontractors must be provided.
7. **PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION PROGRAM.** No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)].
8. **INSURANCE.** Contractor and subcontractors shall maintain insurance, and provide proof of such insurance, at the levels and in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Template Agreement. The Executive Director may modify such insurance levels and requirements, at his discretion.
9. **BONDING.** Contractor shall provide a bid guarantee equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The "bid guarantee" must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying the bid as assurance that the bidder

will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents within the time specified. Contractor shall provide the additional bonds in accordance with the requirements outlined in the Template Agreement.

10. **FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.** This project may be funded by federal funds. As such, the Template Agreement includes all federally-required contract provisions. Contractors shall comply with all federal requirements in the performance of the work.
11. **TEMPLATE AGREEMENT.** Review the sample agreement template and indicate acceptance of proposed terms. VCTC reserves the right to modify or add additional terms to the template agreement as part of negotiations with the selected proposer.
12. **NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT.** Contractor shall submit a Non-Collusion affidavit.
13. **DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION.** Contractor shall submit a Debarment Certification.
14. **LABOR COMPLIANCE MONITORING.** This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.
The Prime Contractor shall post job site notices prescribed by regulation. See Chapter 8 of the California Code Regulation section 16451 (d) for notice that previously was required for projects monitored by the Compliance Monitoring Unit.
15. **QUOTE SELECTION.** The selection and award of Contractor will be made on a "low bid" basis. Under this procurement approach, VCTC may prioritize non-price factors, such as responsiveness and reasonableness, over price and therefore award a contract to a contractor whose proposal includes not the lowest priced offer but reflects a better overall value to VCTC (e.g. "best value" contracting). Contracts will be evaluated on "responsiveness" (i.e. contractor includes all the requested documents listed above in the bid) and "reasonableness" (i.e. bid is generally in alignment with the independent engineer cost estimate).

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Contractor's Name:

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List of Subcontractors

Listing shall comply with the provisions of California Public Contract Code, Section 4104.

Name of Subcontractor	Contractor's License Number	Business Address	DIR Registration #	Items of Work

If more space is needed, attach additional sheets.

Public Contract Code Section 4104 provides that bidders must list:

(a)(1) The name, the location of the place of business, and the California contractor license number of each subcontractor who will perform work or labor or render service to the prime contractor in or about the construction of the work or improvement, or a subcontractor licensed by the State of California who, under subcontract to the prime contractor, specifically fabricates and installs a portion of the work or improvement according to detailed drawings contained in the plans and specifications, in an amount in excess of one-half of 1 percent of the prime contractor's total bid or, in the case of bids or offers for the construction of streets or highways, including bridges, in excess of one-half of 1 percent of the prime contractor's total bid or ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), whichever is greater.

(b) The portion of the work that will be done by each subcontractor under this act. The prime contractor shall list only one subcontractor for each portion as is defined by the prime contractor in his or her bid.

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Schedule of Work and Prices

Dated: _____
At: _____
(City and State)

Signature: _____
Printed Name: _____
Position: _____
(Sole Owner, Partner, President, etc.)

License No. _____
License _____
Classification: _____

Company Name: _____
Type of _____
Organization: _____
(Individual, Partnership, Corporation, etc.)

License _____
Expiration _____
Date: _____

Contractor's DIR _____
Registration #: _____