

12/21/2016 – UPDATE

There continues to be an issue of first and second-low bidders not submitting their DBE Participation sheets or Good Faith Effort information within the required 5 calendar days of the bid letting. Please read the announcement below and ensure compliance.

****CONTRACTOR ANNOUNCEMENT****

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES GOAL AT TIME OF BID IMPLEMENTATION

Prospective bidders are hereby notified of a new special provision detailing the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) procedure to collect Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) goal attainment numbers at the time of bid, and DBE Participation or Good Faith Effort information within 5 calendar days of the bid letting from the two lowest Bidders, regardless of bid status. These procedural changes are based on revisions to the Code of Federal Regulations. The special provision is 12SP-102E-03, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Goal at Time of Bid, and will be in **all** federal-aid projects with a DBE goal.

Beginning with the October 2, 2015, Bid Letting, all federal-aid projects let by MDOT with a DBE goal will contain a DBE Goal folder in the Expedite bid file. All Bidders are required to submit their DBE goal attainment number with their bid. Bidders who have not entered their DBE goal attainment number in the folder will receive an error message when submitting their bid. This message only indicates that the bid contains errors. However, if the Bidder performs the "Check Bid" function (**which we highly encourage**), the Bidder receives a message indicating, "Required fields not entered in DBE Goal screen." Also, the DBE Goal folder will remain red until the Bidder enters their DBE goal attainment number. If the Bidder wishes to enter a zero, MDOT considers that to be valid, but it must be entered by the Bidder as the folder is blank. **Failure to submit the DBE goal attainment number may be cause for bid rejection or a bid not being considered.**

The two lowest Bidders on these projects, regardless of bid status (as checked, if available, or as submitted, if TBA), **must** provide the DBE Participation Sheets or an Abbreviated Contractor Good Faith Effort Application within 5 calendar days of the bid letting. **If both or either of the two lowest Bidders fail to submit the DBE Participation Sheets or an Abbreviated Contractor Good Faith Effort Application within 5 calendar days of the bid letting, the Department may award the contract to the next low Bidder, or otherwise exercise its discretion in accordance with the 2012 Standard Specifications for Construction.**

Details regarding where to submit the DBE Participation Sheets or Abbreviated Contractor Good Faith Effort Applications are contained in the special provision. Please be sure to read the special provision thoroughly in order to fully understand and follow the procedures. If you have any questions regarding the process, send your email to MDOT-Awards@michigan.gov.

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