

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

The City of Mercedes would like to invite you to submit a bid on the following:

Bid No.:	Bid Description:	Opening Date:
6557-50-0309-5000-0000-UCP-JH-01	<u>GLO 2018 South Texas Floods, South Mercedes Lateral Improvements Project - Phase 3</u>	Wednesday, June 3, 2026 3:00 p.m.

Specifications: A free digital copy of drawings and technical specifications may be obtained from **City of Mercedes; City Secretary submit via email request to: Jcastillo@cityofmercedes.com or by phone at (956) 565-3114.**

Pre-Bid Conference: A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.** at the City of Mercedes City Hall located at 400 S Ohio Ave, Mercedes TX 78570 or by virtual access by calling city of Mercedes before 10:30 a.m. on the day of the Conference at (956) 565-3114.

Requirements: Upon submitting sealed bid, bidders are required to properly identify (handwritten, typed, or printed) sealed envelope and/or packet as follows: Bidder's name and address on the upper left-hand corner of the sealed envelope and/or package and **Bid No. 6557-50-0309-5000-0000-UCP-JH-01 "GLO 2018 South Texas Floods, South Mercedes Lateral Improvements Project - Phase 3"** on the lower left-hand corner of sealed envelope/and or packet. Overnight mail must also be properly labeled on the outside of express envelope or package.

Bidder understands that the City of Mercedes reserves the right to award this contract on the basis determined on the procurement overview, as listed on Appendix "B" in accordance with the law of the State of Texas to waive any/all formalities or irregularity, to reject any and all submission received, to make awards to more than one offeror based on the individual lowest responsible bid per unit, or to accept the bid considered the best and most advantageous to the City. By order of the City Commission of the City of Mercedes, Texas the project was approved on the **20th day of April, 2024.**

The sealed bid must contain one (1) original and one (1) USB with complete bid required documents (including all bonds) and must be clearly identified and addressed for delivery to:

Alberto Perez, City Manager
City of Mercedes

US Postal Mail/Courier Address:
P.O. Drawer 837
Mercedes TX 78570-0837

Physical Location:
400 S. Ohio Ave
Mercedes, TX 78570

Deadline: Sealed bids will be accepted until **Wednesday, June 3, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.** at which time they will be opened at the City of Mercedes City hall at Physical Location: 400 S Ohio Ave, Mercedes, Texas 78570. No facsimiles or late arrivals will be accepted. Any bid received after that time will not be opened and will be returned.

Bid Security: Bid Security in the amount of 5% of the largest possible total of bids submitted must accompany each bid in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. The surety must be a guaranteed or surety company acceptable to the City of Mercedes and listed in U. S. Treasury Circular No. 570.

Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Rates: This project is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Program and bidders must adhere to Texas State Prevailing Wage Requirements for the city of Mercedes and Davis-Bacon Federal Wage Rates, including Certified Payroll. **Be advised applicable wage rates may change.**

SAM.gov Requirement: All vendors, contractors and professional service providers are required to obtain a **Unique Entity Identification (UEI) Number** and have an **ACTIVE** status on the **Sam.gov website**. The CDBG-DR is a federally

funded grant that needs to comply with 24 CFR 200 therefore, a Certificate Regarding Debarment must be submitted and certified by the City of Mercedes prior to the City Commission's Court Agenda for contract award and approval.

Section 3/WMBE: The City of Mercedes will actively encourage participation of Section 3 businesses and Women and Minority Business Enterprises (WMBEs) on this project. All Section 3 business contractors, potential Section 3 business contractors, and WMBE contractors are strongly encouraged to submit bids. Please contact City of Mercedes at 956-565-3114 for inquiries concerning Section 3 or specifics on how to become a Section 3 business. HUD Regulations 24 CFR 75.7, Requirements applicable to HUD NOFAs for section 3 covered programs states the following: (a) *Certification of compliance with part 135.* All notices of funding availability (NOFAs) issued by HUD that announce the availability of funding covered by section 3 shall include a provision in the NOFA that notifies applicants that section 3 and the regulations in part 75 are applicable to funding awards made under the NOFA. Additionally, the NOFA shall require as an application submission requirement (which may be specified in the NOFA or application kit) a certification by the applicant that the applicant will comply with the regulations in part 75. (For PHAs, this requirement will be met where a PHA Resolution in Support of the Application is submitted.) With respect to application evaluation, HUD will accept an applicant's certification unless there is evidence substantially challenging the certification. (b) *Statement of purpose in NOFAs.* (1) For competitively awarded assistance in which the grants are for activities administered by an HA, and those activities are anticipated to generate significant training, employment or contracting opportunities, the NOFA must include a statement that one of the purposes of the assistance is to give to the greatest extent feasible, and consistent with existing Federal, State and local laws and regulations, job training, employment, contracting and other economic opportunities to section 3 residents and section 3 business concerns.

**Alberto Perez, City Manager
City of Mercedes**