

CITY OF TUSCALOOSA
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND
PREQUALIFICATION PROCESS REQUIRED FOR RAILROAD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS
FOR:

Project Name: Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard / Jack Warner Parkway Improvements, Phase III
File Number: OCA-25-0206 Engineering Project Number: 2016.126.003

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. The project includes but is not limited to new construction of approximately 2000 LF of roadway improvements and associated infrastructure along Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard / Jack Warner Parkway, as well as two new overpass bridges for the CPKC Warrior Main and Goodrich Spur railroads over Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard / Jack Warner Parkway.
2. The two new overpass bridges will be for the CPKC Warrior Main and Goodrich Spur railroads over Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard / Jack Warner Parkway. A portion of the existing timber Warrior Main bridge will be replaced with two through plate girder spans, 112' and 62'. The new superstructure will be supported by a concrete abutment and two concrete bents on drilled shafts. The new Goodrich Spur bridge will consist of four new spans supported by steel girders (2 at 65', 1 at 42', and 1 at 35.5'). The superstructure will be supported by two concrete abutments and three concrete bents on drilled shafts.
3. The project is being constructed for the City of Tuscaloosa, which is the awarding authority.
4. **THIS PROJECT REQUIRES PREQUALIFICATION OF ANY CONTRACTOR THAT WILL BE PERFORMING RAILROAD BRIDGE WORK ON THIS PROJECT.** Details of the Prequalification process follow below in paragraph D.

B. PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS

1. Plans and specifications and all related Contract Documents are open for public inspection at the Office of the City Engineer, located at 2201 University Blvd., Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
2. Plans, specifications and other elements of the contract documents may also be obtained from Thompson Engineering, designated as the office of the awarding authority for this purpose, located at 2900 8th Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401.
3. The contact person for the project is Josh Rogers. He can be reached at: (205) 759-3221 or jrogers@thompsonengineering.com
4. **Additional qualifications and requirements for General Contractor Bidders, Joint Venture Bidders and Subcontractors are indicated in the Bid Package and Contract Documents.**

C. BIDS WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM:

1. A General Contractor as a Prime bidder with a successfully prequalified Railroad Bridge Construction contractor **as a subcontractor** identified by name inside the sealed bid to perform the Railroad Bridge Construction work; or
2. A General Contractor as a **Prime bidder** who is also a successfully prequalified Railroad Bridge Construction contractor; or
3. A **Joint Venture** who identifies a successfully prequalified Railroad Bridge Construction contractor by name as either a **member of the Joint Venture** or **as a subcontractor** identified by name inside the sealed bid to perform the Railroad Bridge Construction work.

D. PREQUALIFICATION OF RAILROAD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS:

1. The intent of prequalification of Railroad Bridge Construction contractor is to identify responsible and competent Contractors with recent and relevant experience performing Railroad Bridge Construction Project work of a similar type and scale. The pre-qualification packages will identify the information that must be submitted by contractors so the City of Tuscaloosa can make the final determination of qualification.
2. Pre-qualification packets will be made available on **November 19, 2025** by contacting Josh Rogers via email to jrogers@thompsonengineering.com
3. Pre-qualification packet submissions are due on **December 15, 2025** no later than 5:00 p.m. local time to William R. Butler via email to wbutler@tuscaloosa.com
4. The list of pre-qualified Railroad Bridge Construction Contractors will be released on **January 8, 2026**.
5. Contractors determined to be successfully prequalified to perform the Railroad Bridge Construction portion of the project may participate in this project in the following ways:
 - a. as a named prequalified Railroad Bridge Construction subcontractor inside the bid of a Prime Contractor;
 - b. as a Prime Contractor bidder who also successfully prequalified as a Railroad Bridge Construction Contractor;
 - c. as a part of a Joint Venture bidder as either a member of the Joint Venture or as a named prequalified Railroad Bridge Construction subcontractor inside the bid of a Joint Venture.
6. **ANY CONTRACT TEAM THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE A PRE-QUALIFIED BRIDGE CONTRACTOR WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM CONSIDERATION FOR THIS PROJECT.**

E. PRE-BID CONFERENCE

1. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is required for a General Contractor or Joint Venture to submit a bid on this Project.
2. The MANDATORY Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2201 University Boulevard, on **January 27, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. local time**.
3. If a Joint Venture is formed, ALL members of a Joint Venture MUST ATTEND the Pre-Bid Conference.

F. BID OPENING:

1. Sealed Bid Proposals will be received by the City of Tuscaloosa, at the Council Chamber of City Hall, 2201 University Boulevard, on **March 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** local time for this project, at which time bids will be opened and read.
2. Electronic Bids can be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions about the electronic bidding process, please contact Central Bidding at 225-810-4814 or support@centralbidding.com.

G. CONTRACT AWARD

1. The contract award will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the bid opening.
2. Only General Contractors who are properly licensed in accordance with criteria established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors under the Provision of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, will be considered for the Work of this Project.

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