



CITY OF VISALIA, CA  
Purchasing Division

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2/11/25

**NOTICE**  
**REQUEST FOR BID RFB-24-25-44**  
**CONSTRUCT VISALIA CIVIC CENTER, PHASE 2**

The City of Visalia has pre-qualified the following Construction Contractors to bid on the City of Visalia's RFB-24-25-44, Construction of Visalia Civic Center, Phase 2. Only the Contractors listed below are eligible to submit a bid as Prime Contractor.

Bernards Bros.	1781 E. Fir Ave, Suite 205	Fresno, CA 93720
Bush Construction	518 N. Redington St.	Hanford, CA 93230
ProWest Constructors	22710 Palomar St.	Wildomar, CA 92595
Seals Construction	P.O. Box 6670	Visalia, CA 93290
Swinerton	1382 E. Alluvial Avenue, Suite 101	Fresno, CA 93720
Thompson Builders	5400 Hanna Ranch Road	Novato, CA 94945
Zovich Construction	103 Technology Court #A	Brentwood, CA 94513

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT**

**PROJECT LOCATION:** SE Corner of Burke Street and Goshen Avenue in Visalia, CA

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Visalia Civic Center Campus is a central administrative and operational hub for the City of Visalia, designed to facilitate municipal government activities, public safety operations, and community engagement initiatives. Its phased development approach includes Phase One, incorporating existing facilities such as the Visalia Emergency Communication Center (VECC) alongside initial infrastructure improvements. Phase Two, (the current phase), includes the construction and operationalization of the new Council Chambers Building, Public Safety Administration Building, Evidence Building, a pavilion, and associated facilities.

**SEALED BIDS** will be received by the City of Visalia Purchasing Division, 707 W. Acequia Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291 for furnishing all tools, apparatus, facilities, materials, supplies, tax, transportation, equipment, labor and services necessary to perform and complete the work in strict conformance with the approved Plans, Standard Specifications, Construction Specifications and other Contract Documents in a good and workmanlike manner for the project identified above.

**BID SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: No later than 2:00pm local time on Thursday March 27, 2025**

**ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE:** The probable construction cost is estimated to be: \$80,000,000. Bids are required for the entire work, complete and in place.

**TIME OF COMPLETION**

Successful bidder shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the Work within the Contract Time (730 calendar days after the date established in the Notice to Proceed for commencement of the Work).

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING: All pre-qualified bidders must have a representative from their agency in attendance at the mandatory pre-bid meeting.** The pre-bid meeting will be held at the Visalia City Council Chambers, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia, California 93291 on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. At the conclusion of the pre-bid meeting, all meeting attendees are invited to participate in a job walk at the jobsite. Transportation to the jobsite will be the responsibility of the attendee. Any questions asked at the jobsite must also be submitted via email to [purchasing@visalia.city](mailto:purchasing@visalia.city) for a formal response.

**Interested subcontractors are welcome to attend.** This is an opportunity to ask questions regarding the RFB and specifications.

**DOCUMENTS:** Plans, forms of proposals, bonds and other contract documents have been sent to all seven (7) Pre-Qualified Contractors who are eligible to bid on this project.

Interested Subcontractors/Suppliers may request a copy of the plans, specifications and documents from the office of the Purchasing Division, 707 W. Acequia, Visalia, CA 93291 by telephone (559) 713-4334, or by emailing your request to: [purchasing@visalia.city](mailto:purchasing@visalia.city) and the requestor will be emailed a link to download the documents from a share file. By making a request for the share file link, the Requestor's name and contact information will be added to the City's "plan holders list" and the City will attempt to email any subsequent addenda to all on the plan holders list.

**BIDDER QUESTIONS:** All questions regarding this Project must be submitted in writing to the Purchasing Department, via email to: [purchasing@visalia.city](mailto:purchasing@visalia.city). Questions must be received by no later than 4:00 P.M. Thursday, February 27, 2025.

**10% RETENTION RATE:** During the regularly scheduled and noticed public meeting held on 6/17/24, the City Council of the City of Visalia deemed the Civic Center, Phase 2 project to be "substantially complex" and authorized an increased retention rate of 10% for the project, for the following reasons that support the findings that this unique project is not regular, customary, or routine for the City of Visalia or licensed contractors:

1. The project is complex with a projected construction budget of \$80 million dollars
2. The construction schedule is lengthy and will include construction of multiple buildings with extensive offsite improvements.
3. The project will involve a general contractor and multiple sub-contractors representing a multitude of trades and disciplines to complete the project including grading, irrigation, electrical, plumbing, footings and concrete, utility connections, landscaping, and general construction.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code 7202(b) (4), the City of Visalia has established a 10% retention rate for this project.

**PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT:** This public works project will be subject to all applicable State Wage Determinations. The Contractor will be responsible for paying wages from the State Wage Determinations for all trades. The wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at City of Visalia address and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/PWD/index.htm>.

The plans, specifications and documents are available at various builders' exchanges throughout California.

It is the responsibility of the receiver of plans to ensure they have obtained any addenda that may be issued during the bid process.

No bid will be accepted from a Contractor who has not been licensed in accordance with provisions of Chapter 9 of Division 3 of the State of California Business and Professions Code. The successful bidder must possess

the following license classification to be awarded the contract for this project: Class B-General Building Contractors license

All Contractors and/or subcontractors performing work on this project shall be required to obtain a City of Visalia Business Tax Certificate. No payment will be made to any Contractor until such license is obtained.

All Bidders/Contractors/Subcontractors must be registered with the State of California Department of Industrial Relations in compliance with SB854, maintain valid DIR Registration throughout the project and upload certified payrolls electronically to the Labor Commissioner.

CALIFORNIA LABOR CODE (CLC) REQUIRED STATEMENTS: Pursuant to California Labor Code (CLC), the following statements are hereby incorporated into RFB-24-25-44:

As set forth in CLC section 1771.1(a), all contractors and subcontractors must be currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to CLC section 1725.5 to be qualified to bid, be listed in a bid proposal, or perform any public work for the COV. Proof of registration for each contractor and subcontractor listed on the bid is required.

As set forth in CLC section 1771.4(a)(1), notice is given that this project is a public work, subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.

As set forth in CLC section 1773, the COV shall obtain the general prevailing rate per diem wages and the general prevailing rate for holiday and overtime work in the locality in which the public work is to be performed for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute the contract from the Director of Industrial Relations. In accordance with labor code section 1773.2, this information is to be included in the bid specifications and in the contract itself.

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In accordance with the provisions of Section 1770 of the Labor Code, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California has ascertained the general prevailing rate of wage: and employer payments for health and welfare, pension, vacation, travel time and subsistence pay as provided in Section 1773.8, apprenticeship or other training programs authorized by Section 3093, and similar purposes applicable to the work to be done. These rates shall be a part of the Contract and are on file in the office of the City Engineer and will be made available to any interested person on request. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Additional requirements are outlined in the City of Visalia's Labor Compliance Manual which is incorporated in this bid document and the subsequent construction agreement as an attachment.

Executive Order N-6-22 – Russia Sanctions On March 4, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-6-22 (the EO) regarding Economic Sanctions against Russia and Russian entities and individuals. "Economic Sanctions" refers to sanctions imposed by the U.S. government in response to Russia's actions in Ukraine, as well as any sanctions imposed under state law. By submitting a bid or proposal, Contractor represents that it is not a target of Economic Sanctions. Should the State determine Contractor is a target of Economic Sanctions or is conducting prohibited transactions with sanctioned individuals or entities, that shall be grounds for rejection of the Contractor's bid/proposal any time prior to contract execution, or, if determined

after contract execution, shall be grounds for termination by the State.

THE CITY HEREBY AFFIRMATIVELY ENSURES that Minority Business Enterprises and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this notice. Individuals and/or entities submitting bids/proposals to the City of Visalia will not be discriminated against on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, gender, gender identity or expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status in any consideration leading to the award of contract.

The City of Visalia reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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