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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids are invited by the San Joaquin Regional Transit District, a public transit district, herein referred to as RTD, for BRT II Bus Shelter and Bench Purchase, all in strict conformance with Contract Documents and Specifications (CDS) therefore entitled, "Contract Documents and Specifications for BRT II BUS SHELTER AND BENCH PURCHASE" dated February 16, 2010, said CDS being on file in the offices of the San Joaquin Regional Transit District at 421 East Weber Avenue, Stockton, California 95202.

Each bid must be contained in a sealed envelope and labeled **BRT II BUS SHELTER AND BENCH PURCHASE, IFB No. MSE-2010-R105016, Attention Procurement - Contracts**". The bid must be received at the offices of RTD, at or before **2:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 25, 2010**. At or about **2:05 P.M.**, on March 25, 2010, in the RTD Board Room, all bids duly received will be publicly opened and read aloud. The officer whose duty it is to open bids will decide when the specified time for opening of the bids has arrived.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 1:00 P.M. on **Thursday, March 4, 2010** at RTD's Board Room, at the address indicated above.

Copies of the CDS may be obtained at the office of Procurement – Contracts Department of RTD for a price of \$10.00 or an electronic copy at no charge, by contacting Ted Lino, Contracts Specialist at (209) 948-5566 X 657 or tlino@sanjoaquinrtd.com.

Each bid shall be submitted on the form(s) prepared by RTD. Each bidder may be required to submit a bid guarantee in the amount of 5% of the total bid in accordance with the contract documents and specifications. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after bid opening.

It is the policy of the US Department of Transportation that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 shall be encouraged to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with federal funds. As a condition of federal grant assistance, RTD has adopted a DBE program for RTD's federally funded contracts. No DBE goal has been established for this project. However, bidders shall ensure that DBEs have the opportunity to participate in the performance of this contract and shall take all necessary and reasonable steps to obtain DBE participation. Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in the award and performance of subcontracts.

The Contract to be entered into pursuant to this NOTICE INVITING BIDS may be subject to a financial assistance contract between RTD and the United States Department of Transportation. If this bid is subject to Federal financial assistance, and for any reason the Federal financial assistance is withdrawn, then and in such event RTD may withdraw this NOTICE INVITING BIDS and/or terminate any Contract entered into in accordance with these CDS.

The successful bidder, and each of his/her/its subcontractors, shall be required to comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations.

All bidders are required to read and completely familiarize themselves with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents and Specifications, and to submit all necessary paperwork as required of the bidder as specified in these CDS.

RTD reserves the right to postpone bid opening, accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in any bid, all as RTD deems to be in its own best interests and subject to the rules and regulations issued by the Federal Transit Administration of the United States Department of Transportation.

DATED: February 16, 2010

San Joaquin Regional Transit District