

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Bids shall be submitted electronically through the www.bidexpress.com webservice until **10:00 a.m.** local time on **July 28, 2026**, and the same will be publicly opened at the same hour at the office of the Franklin County Engineer for the labor and material necessary for the improvement of **Hott Ditch Improvements in Franklin County, Ohio.**

Project Description: This project consists of restoring the original grade and cross-section of Hott Ditch, a previously petitioned ditch, by removing accumulated sediment, removing obstructions, and improving associated storm sewer systems along approximately 3,850 linear feet of ditch.

All proposals shall be submitted electronically through the webservice www.bidexpress.com. Proposals must contain the name of every person interested therein and shall be accompanied by a bid guaranty and contract bond for the full amount of bid; or in lieu of the bid guaranty and contract bond the bidder may submit a bid guaranty as provided by Section 153.54 of the Revised Code in the form of a certified check or cashier's check. The amount of the certified check or cashier's check shall be equal to ten percent (10%) of the bid. The certified check or cashier's check submitted with a bid will be held as a guarantee on an accepted bid proposal.

Bidders are required to be **PRE-QUALIFIED WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** to submit a bid for this project.

The contract will be awarded within 60 days of the bid opening date. At that time, a bid guaranty and contract bond in the sum of 100% of the bid plus all add alternates shall be executed in accordance with Section 307.89 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

All qualified business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and no bidder will be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in awarding the subject contract.

Certified Check or Cashier's Check will be returned to all other bidders after the Contract has been awarded.

The bidder's address shall be included along with his/her signature on the bid.

The work shall be completed no later than **April 30, 2027**. Upon failure to complete the work within the time specified, the Contractor shall be governed in accordance with Section 5555.67 of the Revised Code of Ohio. No proposal shall be considered unless it complies with all the rules and regulations set forth in the Contract documents. All bidders are urged to carefully read the same and comply with them. The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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