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Notice To Contractors Federal Aid Project No. IM-1085(436) LOWNDES AND BUTLER COUNTIES, Alabama

Sealed bids will be received by the Director Of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department Of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10 AM., August 31, 2012, and at that time publicly opened for constructing the following:

MICRO-MILLING, RESURFACING AND TRAFFIC STRIPE ON I-65 FROM THE CONEJUH COUNTY LINE TO THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY LINE AT VARIOUS SITES AS INDICATED BY THE PLANS

The Length Of This Project Is: 53.130 Miles.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate.

The Entire Project Shall Be Completed By November 15, 2012.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$3.00 per set.

Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department Of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E 108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department Of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been pre-determined by the Secretary Of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$10,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department Of Transportation must accom-

pany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract. The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$ 2 8 3 , 0 0 0 T o \$ 3 4 5 , 0 0 0 The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director

The Lowndes Signal
8/16, 8/23, & 8/30/12

Public Notices

STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the Alabama Legislature at its Regular Ses-

sion of 2012 ordered an election to be held on a certain proposed amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, set out herein as Act No. 2012-490; and in accordance with the provisions of Section 284, as amended by Amendment No. 24, Sections 285 and 287 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this state; and

WHEREAS, notice of this election, together with this proposed amendment, is required by law and by the provisions of Act No. 2012-490 to be given by Proclamation of the Governor, which Proclamation shall be published once a week for four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election in a newspaper qualified to run legal notices in each county of the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct and proclaim that on Tuesday, the 18th day of September, 2012, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 1901 of the State of Alabama:

SB147

ENROLLED, An Act, To propose an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, to provide a new procedure for distributions made from the Alabama Trust Fund beginning with the 2012-2013 fiscal year; to provide further for distributions made from the County and Municipal Government Capital Improvement Trust Fund; to remove the requirement for additional transfers to the County and Municipal Government Capital Improvement Trust Fund; to create an advisory committee for the County and Municipal Government Capital Improvement Trust Fund; to provide for the transfer of funds from the Alabama Trust Fund to the State General Fund beginning with the state's 2012-2013 fiscal year and concluding with the state's 2014-2015 fiscal year; to repeal conflicting provisions of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901; and to repeal Sections 11-29-5 and 11-66-5, Code of Alabama 1975.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, is proposed and shall become valid as a part thereof when approved by a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon and in accordance with Sections 284, 285, and 287 of the Constitution of

Alabama of 1901, as amended:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, beginning with the state's 2012-2013 fiscal year, the following distributions shall be made annually from the Alabama Trust Fund in lieu of any other distributions of trust income, realized capital gains, or unrealized capital gains provided by law:

(1) An amount equal to thirty-three percent (33%) of the oil and gas capital payments paid into the Alabama Trust Fund for the fiscal year ending one year prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the distribution is being made plus five percent (5%) of the average market value of invested assets of the Alabama Trust Fund as of the end of the three fiscal years ending one, two, and three years prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the distribution is being made shall be distributed as follows:

a. Ten percent (10%) of the amount distributed shall be paid to the County Government Capital Improvement Fund and shall be distributed pursuant to Section 11-29-6, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

b. Ten percent (10%) of the amount distributed shall be paid to the Municipal Government Capital Improvement Fund and shall be distributed pursuant to Section 11-66-6, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

c. If the constitutional amendment proposed by Act 2011 315 is ratified, then ten percent (10%) of the amount distributed, but not more than fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in any one fiscal year, shall be paid to the Forever Wild Land Trust. This distribution shall continue through the fiscal year ending September 30, 2032, and shall not be made after the end of that fiscal year. If the constitutional amendment proposed by Act 2011-315 is not ratified, then one percent (1%) of the amount distributed, but not more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) in any one fiscal year, shall be paid to the Forever Wild Land Trust Stewardship Account.

d. One percent (1%) of the amount distributed, but not more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in any one fiscal year, shall be paid to the Alabama Senior Services Trust Fund.

e. The remainder of the amount distributed shall be paid to the State General Fund.

(2) Fifty percent (50%) of the amount distributed shall be paid to the Municipal Government Capital Improvement Fund and shall be distributed pursuant to Section 11-29-6, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this Section, if market or financial conditions dictate that distributing the entire amounts authorized by this amendment would be detrimental to the preservation of the invested assets of the Alabama Trust Fund, the preservation of the invested assets of the County and Municipal Government Capital Improvement Trust Fund, or both, the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Trust Fund in its sole discretion may, by a two-thirds recorded vote of the entire membership of the Board, elect to distribute a smaller percentage of the oil and gas capital payments, a smaller percentage of the average amount of invested assets, or both. The Board shall make this election at least six months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the distributions will be made.

(d) For purposes of this amendment, "invested assets" means all assets which are invested in accordance with the investment policy statement adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Trust Fund. Invested assets shall not include investments in land or properties acquired for the Forever Wild Land Trust and vested in the Alabama Trust Fund and shall not include any outstanding and unpaid amounts due to the Education Trust Fund Rainy Day Account or the General Fund Rainy Day Account.

Section 2. A County and Municipal Government Capital Improvement Trust Fund Advisory Committee is created. The Committee shall be composed of three members appointed by the Association of County Commissions of Alabama. The Committee shall serve in an advisory role to the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Trust Fund shall

END OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Section 2. A special election upon the proposed amendment shall be held on September 18, 2012 in accordance with Sections 284 and 285 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as Sections 284 and 285 of the Official Recompilation of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, and the election laws of this state.

define the duties of the Committee.

Section 3. Beginning with the state's 2012 2013 fiscal year, whenever funds are withdrawn from the Education Trust Fund Rainy Day Account or the General Fund Rainy Day Account, there shall not be any additional transfer of funds into the County and Municipal Government Capital Improvement Trust Fund, and investment income earned on amounts repaid to the Education Trust Fund Rainy Day Account shall not be distributed to the State General Fund. Section 4. Beginning with the state's 2012-2013 fiscal year and continuing through the state's 2014-2015 fiscal year, there is hereby transferred \$145,796,943 annually to the State General Fund from the Alabama Trust Fund. Section 5. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this amendment are repealed, including, but not limited to: Those portions of Amendments 450, 543, and 666 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to the distribution of trust income, realized capital gains, and unrealized capital gains; Amendment 668 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to the distribution of trust income; those portions of Amendment 803 to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, relating to additional transfers to the County and Municipal Government Capital Improvement Fund and the distribution of investment income on repayments to the Education Trust Fund and State General Fund Rainy Day Accounts; and Sections 11-66 5 and 11-29-5 of the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, relating to appropriations of the County and Municipal Government Capital Improvement Trust Fund.

"Proposed by Act _____"

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This description shall be followed by the following language: "Yes () No ()." The Lowndes Signal 8/23, 8/30, 9/6, 9/13

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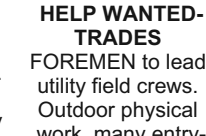
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