

September 14, 2012

To: Mitigation Providers

**RE: Request for Bid (RFB # 2012-01) Purchase of Conservation and Mitigation Credits for the Jepson Parkway Project**

Dear Provider:

The Solano Transportation Authority (STA) invites Mitigation Providers to submit a bid to provide mitigation and conservation credits for the Jepson Parkway Project in Solano County. The project area is located in central and northern Solano County and connects the City of Vacaville to the Cities of Fairfield and Suisun City.

STA and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) selected Alternative B for the Jepson Parkway Project. Alternative B was identified as the Preferred Alternative in the Final Environmental Impact Report and Final Impact Statement (Final EIR/EIS). The Record of Decision (ROD) was signed on June 21, 2011. Two project phases are being designed with construction scheduled for the 2014-15 Fiscal Year. Prior to the start of construction, STA must secure the scheduled environmental mitigation credits as agreed to with the Resource Agencies. To obtain more information on the overall Project, please visit the STA website: <http://www.sta.ca.gov>.

The Record of Decision and Biological Opinion for this project describe environmental impacts of the Jepson Parkway Project. These documents are available for download as part of the proposal package at above cited website.

The STA requests formal Bids to provide some or all of the mitigation and conservation credit types as listed below:

- 22.6 acres (credits) of vernal pool crustacean habitat from a United States Fish and Wildlife Service-approved bank as appropriate for the species
- 2.32 acres (credits) of restored vernal pool crustacean habitat from an Interagency Review Team (IRT)-approved bank
- 28.62 acres of preserved Contra Costa Goldfields habitat
- 1.98 acres of restored Contra Costa Goldfields habitat
- 68.1 acres of preserved upland California Tiger Salamander habitat from a bank approved by both the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Game.

Interested organizations are invited to submit three (3) hard copies of your BID along with all required supporting documentation to demonstrate the approvals from the cited agencies have been secured previously for the offered conservation and mitigation credits. Responses are to be addressed to Janet Adams, Director of Projects, Solano Transportation Authority, One Harbor Center, Suite 130, Suisun City, CA 94585 no later than 3:00 p.m., October 12, 2012.

Bids will be reviewed to determine if they meet the documentation requirements. Bidders may elect to bid on any single credit type shown above as the selected providers will be individually evaluated for each credit type. Bidders must state that their bid price is valid for a minimum of 90 calendar days from the date of bid opening. The STA at their discretion will enter purchase contracts with the lowest responsive bidder to purchase mitigation credits to the extent needed for the anticipated construction projects in each credit type. The STA reserves the right to consider or reject any and all bids at its own discretion. The STA further reserves the right to reject all bids and issue a new RFP.

If you have any questions, please call Alan Glen, Project Manager at (916) 368-9181. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely



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STA Executive Director