

Shadow Economy is Stage for California Street Performer

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. – Street performers have always furnished the busy arteries of the city. From Metro stations to Union Square, music is almost inescapable in this town. But among the medley, an open violin case and a velvety voice emerge.

Twenty-four year-old Karla Mi Lugo has been street performing for four years. Up and down the West Coast and San Francisco is her current stage. Originally from Georgia, her transient spirit brought her to the Golden State to see what business the Fog City could offer.

Street performing is Mi Lugo's main source of income. She says 40 bucks a day is good enough for her. Mi Lugo is part of the growing under ground economy, a market where service is given without contracts or receipts and the term "under the table" is the password. Although Mi Lugo's work isn't forbidden like some others in the underground, her persistent dedication of going out and parking herself at a street corner and playing music proves she's a true member.

Mi Lugo's unique act sets her apart from other buskers. She sings, plays violin, and balances on a ball (usually a globe), all at the same time. Her resonant voice transforms her into a bohemian Madeleine Peyroux with hints of Billie Holiday. Her violin playing accompanies her jazz blues songs sleekly and the circus-inspired ball balancing makes it a transcendental performance.

"[Performances] that are more of a spectacle tend to work out better," Mi Lugo says. "Like you really have to dress up or just be some kind of novelty, some kind of signature thing that will get responded to better than just a guitar." Mi Lugo's music derives from years of constant traveling. She started singing when the café she was working at hosted open-mics and needed extra musicians. She then worked at a circus where she learned how to balance on top of a ball and decided to incorporate it in her act.

She describes her sound being inspired by an eclectic mix of jazz, Eastern European music, anarchist musicians and surrealist art. But she notes that her music career really took off after her heart was broken, which she describes as a "rite of passage in musicianship."

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

KITSAP TRANSIT K.T. No. 11-427

Worker Driver Accessible Bus Fleet

Kitsap Transit, the public transportation provider in Kitsap County is requesting bids from firms or private owners interested in providing a quantity of up to eight (8) used accessible lift equipped MCI 102D3 motor coaches, model year 1994 through 2001, or approved equal.

Kitsap Transit reserves the right to reject any and all bids without cause and to waive any informalities or irregularities.

Kitsap Transit in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat., 252.42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations Department of Transportation, subtitle A, of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the DOT issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged 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 or national origin in consideration for an award.

The contract shall be subject to financial assistance by Kitsap Transit from the Federal Transportation Administration.

Copies of the Invitation for Bids may be obtained by contacting Kitsap Transit at 360-478-6220, or at 60 Washington Ave., Suite 200, Bremerton, WA 98337, by email from kt purchasing@kitsaptransit.com.

Bids will be accepted until 2:00 p.m. PST on January 20, 2012.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

KITSAP TRANSIT RFP KT-11-242

Maintenance Management Software System Replacement Project

**Proposals Must Be Received by January 9, 2011
Time: 2:00 P.M.**

Kitsap Transit, the public transportation provider in Kitsap County, WA, is requesting responses from software and implementation service vendors for fleet maintenance, facilities maintenance and inventory control management software and implementation services to replace an existing system. KT seeks a commercially available, off-the-shelf system. This project is funded through the Federal Transit Administration's 5309 Bus and Bus Facilities, State of Good Repair Program.

Proposal documents may be downloaded at <http://www.kitsaptransit.org/capital/Proposals.html> or obtained by contacting Kitsap Transit at (360) 377-7366, or at 60 Washington Ave., Ste. 200, Bremerton, WA 98337, or by email from gaylet@kitsaptransit.com

Proposals for the above-designated project may be hand delivered or mailed to:

Kitsap Transit
Attention: Gayle Thomson
60 Washington St., Ste. 200 (2nd floor)
Bremerton, WA 98337

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for furnishing all materials, labor, and equipment for the construction of **Wilsonville SMART Ops / Fleet Facility Phase 2 – Building & Site Improvements** project for the City will be accepted at the City of Wilsonville, 29799 SW Town Center Loop East, Wilsonville, Oregon 97070, if mailed or hand delivered until Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 1:00 p.m., Local Time. First-tier subcontractor disclosure submittals from Bidders submitting Bids must be submitted not later than 3:00 p.m., Local Time, January 12, 2012. Such Bids that are deemed responsive are to be publicly opened and read at 3:30 p.m., Local Time on Thursday, January 12, 2012. Bids without disclosures will be deemed non-responsive and returned unopened to the Bidder. Kristin Retherford, Urban Renewal Manager, is the person designated to receive Bids.

Bidders must be qualified by the City in compliance with the Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 279C.430. To be considered qualified, Bidders must demonstrate qualifications on **PUBLIC** projects of similar type, complexity, size, scope (including continuous operation), budget, traffic conditions, and schedule. **In order to be considered a 'Responsive Bidder,' you must have experience with multiple, comparable, public building projects. Qualified projects must be from no more than 5 years ago, and have direct construction costs of at least \$2 million dollars.**

A mandatory pre-Bid meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the City of Wilsonville, 29799 SW Town Center Loop East, Wilsonville, Oregon. Meeting will also include a visit to the project site at 28879 Boberg Road, Wilsonville, OR 97070.

The choice of the successful Bidder and/or the rejection of Bids will be announced by January 23, 2012. A contract will be awarded within sixty (60) days after the selection of a qualified Bidder. Award of contracts will not be final until the later of: 1) fourteen (14) business days* after Notice of Intent to Award is given; or 2) the City provides a written response to each timely protest, denying the protest and affirming the award, if the award is affirmed.

*Business days means Monday through Friday, except legal holidays observed by the City of Wilsonville.

The proposed work for the Wilsonville SMART Ops / Fleet Facility Phase 2 – Building & Site Improvements project consists of furnishing all materials, labor, equipment, and supervision for the construction of improvements, including erosion control, fine grading, paving and construction of an Ops / Fleet Services Building and a Fuel/Wash canopy on an approximately 4 acre site on Boberg Road in Wilsonville, OR.

All work is to be substantially completed by November 15, 2012, with final completion by December 15, 2012.

Copies of the Electronic Files for the Contract Documents may be downloaded on or after Thursday, December 15, 2011 on the web at <https://fx.pivotarchitecture.com>. A screen will open with PIVOT Architecture in upper left and a dialog box titled Newforma Information Exchange. In the dialogue box enter your email address under Username. Enter "anonymous" for the password. From there follow the links to City of Wilsonville SMART Ops / Fleet Facility Phase 2 – Building & Site Improvements project. This will lead you to a list of Bid documents. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to check the web site regularly for addenda. A list of Prime Bidders is posted on the web site. Prime Bidders are those who have notified PIVOT Architecture of their intention to Bid as the prime contractor.

Electronic copies of the Bidding documents have also been provided to many of the region's construction plan rooms.

All Bids must be submitted on the forms furnished in this document and each must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the total Bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds from a City approved surety for faithful performance of the contract in the full amount of the contract price.

This is a Contract for a Public Works Project ("Contract") subject to ORS 279C.800 to 279C.870 or the Davis Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a), and not less than the higher of the applicable state or federal prevailing wage must be paid on this project. In addition, all Bidders shall be compliant with all tax laws. No Bid will be received or considered unless the Bid contains a statement by the Bidder as part of the Bid that the provisions of ORS 279C.840 or 40 U.S.C. 276a will be met. Information concerning existing state prevailing wage and, if applicable, the federal prevailing wage rate can be found on the web at: <http://www.oregon.gov/BOLI/WHD/PWR/>.

The successful Bidder will be required to pay a fee to the Bureau of Labor and Industries pursuant to the provisions of ORS 279C.825. The fee is one-tenth (1/10) of one percent (1%) of the contract price, but not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) or more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), regardless of the contract price.

In accordance with ORS 279A.110, each Bidder shall certify in the documents accompanying the Bid that the Bidder has not discriminated and will not discriminate against any minority, women or emerging small business enterprise in obtaining any required subcontracts.

Each Bid must identify whether the Bidder is a resident Bidder, as defined in ORS 279A.120.

The performance of the Contract does not require a contractor or subcontractor licensed to do asbestos abatement work under ORS 468A.720.

No Bid for this Contract will be received or considered by the City unless the Bidder is licensed with the Construction Contractor's Board, as required by ORS 701.035 to 701.055, or the State Landscape Contractors Board, as specified in OAR 137-049-0230. In addition, a City Business License or a Metro Business License is also required prior to performing work within the City limits.

The City reserves the right to reject any Bid not in compliance with all prescribed public contracting procedures and requirements, and to reject all Bids upon a finding of the City that it is in the public interest to do. No Bidder may withdraw his/her Bid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date set for opening.

When applicable, all Bidding shall comply with President's Executive Order No. 11246. All Bidders shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Bidders shall Bid to use recyclable products to the maximum extent economically feasible in the performance of the Contract.

Bidders are required, prior to submission of Bids, to examine the site and specifications of the contemplated work. Perceived errors and omissions in the plans or the specifications shall be called to the attention of the Project Manager (listed below) prior to or during the pre-Bid conference on December 21, 2011 so that an Addendum may be issued.

For additional information, contact:
Project Manager:
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