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food to the hungry.

This is a situation that causes many Americans embarrassment. Hunger is no longer a problem for countries like Bangladesh; it's a deep problem for the United States, the world's richest nation where unimaginable luxury rubs elbows with the most abject poverty.

Such a situation is morally wrong. It is especially wrong because the intense human suffering we are seeing is a direct result of conscious policies - policies to dump people off welfare rolls, policies that restrict eligibility for food stamps, policies that slash food aid for pregnant women, nursing mothers, and infants.

Those policies were demanded by the Administration and endorsed by the Congress. Sure, Congress restored some small amounts in some programs. But that's hardly any reason for backpatting.

While poor people were being driven deeper into poverty, that same Congress was dumping billions into tax breaks for the affluent and into wild spending on unusable military weapons systems.

A measure of how far removed Washington's law-makers are from reality is the debate over expanding the government surplus cheese and butter program. The Administration says everything is fine since it is now distributing more of the food. But many Congressmen want to authorize higher levels of distribution and to put up more money for local volunteer groups and cities, enabling them to accept and distribute the donations.

That's fine as far as it goes, but it's still a debate about demeaning charity, about having scraps of food to give to destitute people coming hat in hand for it.

The debate ought to be about the right of

Bids Wanted For Highway Improvement Notice To Contractors
Sealed proposals will be received by the Directors of the Department of Transportation of the State of Nevada at their District I Headquarters office located at 1200 North Main Street, Las Vegas, Nevada, until and opened at 1:30 p.m., local time, on September 8, 1983 for Contract No. 1992, Project No. ID-515-1(15)5, construction of a portion of the Interstate Highway System on Interstate Route 515 in Las Vegas from the East side of Las Vegas Boulevard to 0.767 miles West, Clark County, a length of 0.767 miles.

SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF WORK COVERED BY THIS CONTRACT CONSISTS OF: GRADING THE ROADBED, INSTALLING DRAINAGE STRUCTURES AND RETAINING WALL, CONSTRUCTION OF AND WIDENING OF A VIADUCT STRUCTURE WITH RAMPS, PLACING AGGREGATE BASE, CEMENT TREATED BASE, PLANTMIX BITUMINOUS SURFACE, OPEN-GRADED PLANTMIX BITUMINOUS SURFACE AND PORTLAND CEMENT CONCRETE PAVEMENT.

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every American to eat. It ought to be about enforcing policies that ensure enough income and food stamps for the poor. It ought to be about redressing the growing inequality that keeps millions of Americans hungry while others enjoy tax cuts and hidden subsidies.

Maybe we need a Washington Hunger Day - a Day in which Congressmen and federal policymakers are forbidden to eat unless they line up at the nearest soup kitchen to break bread with the people their policies hurt most.

or the State Labor Commissioner and are set forth in the contract documents.

Employment lists may be obtained from the local office of the Nevada Employment Security Department at 135 South 8th Street, Las Vegas, Nevada 89101.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the undersigned, the Department of Transportation District Offices at Sparks and Las Vegas, Nevada; at the offices of the Associated General Contractors of America, 1135 S.W. Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84110; and 300 South Wells Avenue, Reno, Nevada, 89502; at the office of the F.W. Dodge Company, 1100 E. Sahara, No. 203, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89104; at the office of Daily Pacific Builder, 2450-17th Street, San Francisco, California, 94110; and at the office of the Construction Notebook, 3131 Meade Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. Plans, form of proposal, contract and specifications may be secured by prequalified bidders through the office of the undersigned. A fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) is required for the purchase of each copy of the plans with proposal form. Plans, proposal form and specifications obtained on this basis are non-returnable and no refund will be made. Bids must be on the proposal form of the Department of Transportation and must be accompanied by a bid bond, a certified check, a cashier's check, or cash in the amount of five percent (5%) of bid.

Right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Contractors desiring to bid on this work, if not already qualified under the State Law, shall file with the Department of Transportation at Carson City, Nevada, not later than five (5) days prior to the date for opening of bids, a complete application for qualification on form furnished by the Department. All requests must be made in writing on the standard printed form provided free of charge for that purpose

by the Department of Transportation.

The attention of bidders is directed to the State Contractor's License Law requirement (NRS 624.230 as amended to date), that a contractor hold a valid license of a class corresponding to the work to be done. Requests for license may be directed to the Secretary of the State Contractor's Board, 70 Linden Avenue, Reno, Nevada 89502.

This is a Federal-aid project and as such, any contractor otherwise qualified by the State of Nevada to perform such work, is not required to be licensed nor to submit application for license in advance of submitting a bid or having such bid considered; provided, however, that such exemption does not constitute a waiver of the State's right under its license laws to require a contractor, determined to be a successful bidder, to be licensed to do business in the State of Nevada in connection with the award of a contract to him.

The State of Nevada Department of Transportation will on its own initiative, take affirmative action, including the imposition of contract sanctions and the initiation of appropriate legal proceedings under any applicable State or Federal law to achieve equal employment opportunity on Federal-aid Highway Projects and will actively cooperate with the Federal Highway Administration in all

investigations and enforcement actions undertaken by the Federal Highway Administration. In conjunction with the above statement, the Department of Transportation will not issue plans to an irresponsible bidder. Subsection (B) of the section 112 of Title 23 United States Code has been amended by

adding at the end thereof, the following: "Contracts for the construction of each project shall be awarded only on the basis of the lowest responsive bid submitted by a bidder meeting established criteria of responsibility".

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A BID BOND, IF REQUIRED BY THE INVITATION TO BID, SHALL BE IN THE FORM OF A BID BOND, CERTIFIED, OR CASHIER'S CHECK FOR 5% OF THE BID AND SHALL BE ENCLOSED WITH THE PROPOSALS. ALL DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THIS ADVERTISEMENT MAY BE EXAMINED AND OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AND CONTRACTS DIVISION, 1ST FLOOR, CITY HALL.