

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received either electronically at <https://lsgprod-lm01.cloud.infor.com:1442/lmscm/SourcingSupplier/html/SourcingSupplier?csk.SupplierGroup=100&csk.CHP=lmscm> or mailed to the office of the Purchasing Division at the Lafayette Consolidated Government Building, located at 705 West University Avenue, Lafayette, Louisiana, until 10:00am Central Time on the 20th day of November, 2020 for the following:

BROWN PARK LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN

and will, shortly thereafter, be opened and read aloud in the Office of Purchasing located at 705 West University Avenue, Lafayette, LA. Bids received after the above specified time for opening shall **not be considered** and shall be returned unopened to the sender. Due to social distancing practices in place in response to COVID-19 and limited meeting spaces, bidders are highly encouraged to call into the bid openings at the following phone number 337-291-5100. If bidders do wish to come into City Hall to hand deliver their bids directly to the Purchasing Division, please know that a mask must be worn at all times that you are in the building.

Scope of Services: The work includes furnishing and installing a new duplex pump station, approximately 9,400 linear feet of 16" PVC Force main, approximately 1,800 linear feet of pipe installed by horizontal directional drilling, air release valves, manholes, boxes, demolition, and other appurtenant and related items of construction. **Work to be completed within 310 calendar days.**

In accordance with Louisiana RS 38:2212, vendors may submit their bid electronically **at the website listed above**. Bidding Documents are available to view only at the website. Contractors may request the electronic bid package from Lafayette Consolidated Government Department of Purchasing & Property Management Attn: Arielle Crocus 337-291-8263 or acrocus@lafayette.gov.

Bidders wishing to submit their bid electronically must first be registered online with Lafayette Consolidated Government as a potential supplier at the website listed above.

Bidders submitting bids electronically are requested to provide the same documents as bidders submitting through the mail as soon as available. Only a bid bond, certified check or cashier's check shall be submitted as the bid security. Electronic copies of both the front and back of the check or bid bond shall be included with the electronic bid.

Bids must be signed in accordance with LRS Title 38:2212(B)5. A Corporate Resolution or Certificate of Authority authorizing the person signing the bid is required to be submitted with bid. Failure to submit a Corporate Resolution or Certificate of Authority with the bid shall be cause for rejection of bid.

Copies of the bidding documents are available at Lafayette Consolidated Government, Purchasing Office located at 705 West University Avenue, Lafayette, LA 70506. Telephone number is 337-291-8263 (Attn: Arielle Crocus). If a bidder wishes to have plans shipped, prior prepaid shipping arrangements must be made by the vendor. Plans and specifications shall be available until twenty-four (24) hours before the opening date.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond payable to the Lafayette Consolidated Government, the amount of which shall be five percent (5%) of the base bid plus additive alternates. If a bid bond is used, it shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A-Rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent (10%) of policyholders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide, or by an insurance company in good standing licensed to write bid bonds which is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents. The bid bond shall be issued by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana. The certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder shall execute the contract, should it be awarded to him, in conformity with the contract documents within ten (10) days.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for at least forty-five (45) days after the time scheduled for the opening of bids.

Each bid shall be submitted only on the bid form provided with the specifications. The successful bidder will be required to execute performance and labor and material payment bonds in the full amount of the contract as more fully defined in the bid documents.

Bids will be evaluated by the Purchaser based on the lowest responsible and responsive bid submitted which is also in compliance with the bid documents.

Bidders or firms submitting bids in the amount of \$50,000.00 or more shall certify that they are licensed contractors under Chapter 24 of Title 37 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and show their license number on the front of the sealed envelope in which their bid is enclosed. **Contractors shall be licensed for the classification of "MUNICIPAL AND PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION"**. Bids in the amounts specified above which have not bid in accordance with the requirements, shall be rejected and shall not be read. Additional information relative to licensing may be obtained from the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Lafayette Consolidated Government strongly encourages the participation of DBEs (Disadvantaged Business Enterprises) in all contracts or procurements let by the Lafayette Consolidated Government for goods and services and labor and material. To that end, all contractors and suppliers are encouraged to utilize DBEs business enterprises in the purchase or sub-contracting of materials, supplies, services and labor and material in which disadvantaged businesses are available. Assistance in identifying said businesses may be obtained by calling 291-8410.

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