

THE WATER WORKS BOARD OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Pressure Washing of the Gardendale and Higdon Hill Potable Water Tanks

Project Number:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids for the Pressure Washing of Gardendale and Higdon Hill Potable Water Tanks will be received by The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham, Engineering Department, Attention: Ms. Hattye D. McCarroll, P.E. Chief Engineer, until **10:00 a.m.** local time on **Thursday, November 16, 2023**, in the Engineering Department Conference Room on the Second Floor of the Main Campus Building located at 3600 First Avenue, North in Birmingham, Alabama, at which time they will be opened and read. Bids received after said time will be rejected and returned unopened.

The Work consists of pressure washing both tanks and providing ground containment. However, any coating that is damaged during the Work must be repainted by the Contractor, at the Contractor's expense, and per all applicable specifications listed in the Contract Documents. In the event of any repainting, the Contractor is fully responsible for providing, at his expense, full containment of exterior painting operations to prevent the exit and drift of paint residue onto adjacent property, streets, or structures. **No welding can be performed on either of these tanks in order to provide full containment.**

Bidding Documents may be examined at the Birmingham Construction Industry Authority (BCIA), 601 – 37th Street, South, Birmingham, AL 35222; or at the office of the BWWB Project Manager – Engineering Department – Mr. Tony Free, Project Engineer, The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham, 3600 First Avenue, North, Birmingham, AL 35222.

Prime Contractor bidders may obtain one complete set of Bidding Documents from the office of the Chief Engineer of The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham upon payment of **\$150.00** deposit by company check or by certified check and signing a nondisclosure statement. No personal checks or any other form of payment except as noted will be accepted. This deposit shall be refunded in full to each prime contractor bidder upon the return of the Bidding Documents and drawings in a reusable condition within 10 days after the bid opening. Additional sets of Bidding Documents for prime contractor bidders, subcontractors, vendors, or dealers may be obtained upon payment of said **\$150.00** deposit and signing a nondisclosure statement. This deposit shall be refunded less the costs of printing, reproduction, handling, and distribution, upon return of the documents in reusable condition within 10 days after the bid opening. Company check or Certified check for documents shall be made payable to The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham, 3600 First Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, 35222 and mailed to the Attn: Ms. Hattye McCarroll. P.E.; Chief Engineer. No additional charge will be made for delivery via UPS ground. Those requesting shipment of documents via carriers other than UPS ground will be made at the requesting firm's expense. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available to any Bidder. Neither the OWNER nor the ENGINEER will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including any addenda, obtained from other sources. No Bidder may withdraw or alter his bid within sixty (60) calendar days after the actual date of the Bid Opening.

A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will be held at **10:00 a.m.** local time **on Tuesday, November 7, 2023** in the Engineering Department Conference Room located as shown above. After a short pre-bid meeting, a site visit will follow at the Gardendale Tank, 319 Day Street, Gardendale, Alabama 35071 followed by a site visit to the Higdon Hill Tank, 7004 6th Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama 35212 All Prospective Bidders are required to attend the Pre-Bid Conference and site visit. The purpose of the Pre-Bid Conference is to raise questions pertaining to the Bidding Documents and Contract Documents and for the OWNER or its representatives to clarify any points. **Bids will NOT BE ACCEPTED from any Prospective Bidder who does not attend the Pre-Bid Conference and site visit.** All Prospective Bidders shall complete and submit the HUB Bid Solicitation Notice (HUB Form 3) no later than one (1) day after the scheduled date of the pre-bid conference (NO EXCEPTIONS). HUB Program Acknowledgement (HUB Form 1), HUB Compliance Form (HUB Form 2), HUB Subcontractor Performance Form (HUB Form 5) and HUB Subcontractor Utilization Form (HUB Form 6) of Section 00451 HUB Program must be submitted at the Bid Opening as shown above.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a cashier's check, drawn on an Alabama Bank, or Bid Bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid not to exceed \$10,000.00 in the form and subject to conditions provided for in the Specifications.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Labor & Material Payment Bond each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Award.

Bidders shall comply with all statutory requirements in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. Bids will only be received from Contractors who are licensed by the State of Alabama.

Contract time of commencement and completion will be in accordance with the Agreement.

The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham ("BWVB") has adopted a voluntary Historically Underutilized Business ("HUB") Program designed to encourage the participation of HUB firms in construction projects. To that end, the BWVB will never exclude any firm from participation in, deny any person benefits of, or otherwise discriminate in connection with the award and performance of BWVB contracts based on racial, gender, social, or economic status.

It is the intent of the BWVB to foster competition among contractors, suppliers and vendors that will result in better quality and more economical services for the BWVB. Under this program, the BWVB has established a goal of 30% participation of HUB firms for services required for BWVB construction projects. The BWVB's stated goal will not be the determining factor in construction contract awards; rather bidders must demonstrate compliance with the Good Faith Efforts, more particularly outlined in the HUB Program, toward meeting said goal.

Failure on the part of a bidder to fully submit the information required herein may be considered by the BWVB in evaluating whether the bidder is responsive to bid requirements.

Alabama Code §31-13-9 (1975) provides that as a condition for the award of any contract by The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham, a business entity or employer that employs one or more employees within the state of Alabama shall provide documentation of enrollment in the E-Verify program.

Each Prospective Bidder must complete, as a condition for the award of any Contract by The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham, the Certification Regarding Debarment in Section 00201. The Certification must be complete in its entirety and must be included with the Prospective Bidder's Bid (NO EXCEPTIONS).

Legislature of Alabama Act 2013-205 grants the Alabama Department of Revenue (ADOR) the authority to issue certificates of exemption from sales and use taxes for construction projects for certain governmental agencies. Pursuant to Act 2013-205, Section 1(g) the Contractor accounts for the sales tax not included in the Bid Form by submitting an *Accounting of Sales Tax-Attachment to BWWB Bid Form*. Failure to provide an accounting of sales tax shall render the bid non-responsive. Other than determining responsiveness, sales tax accounting shall not affect the bid pricing nor be considered in the determination of the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. After Notice of Award, Contractor and Subcontractor licensed by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must comply with ADOR requirements for making application for qualification of the exemption and are responsible for ADOR reporting requirements for the duration of the project.

If a Contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder, who has neither been disqualified nor rejected pursuant to these Contract Documents, and whose Bid based on an evaluation by the OWNER indicates that the award will be in the best interest of the Project and will result in the lowest overall cost to the OWNER for completion of the project. If a Contract is to be awarded, it will be awarded within 30 calendar days after the day of the opening of bids.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, the right to waive irregularities or to accept any proposal deemed to be in the best interest of the OWNER.

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