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INVITATION TO BID

Project: DAWSON FOREST WRF PHASE I UPGRADE AND EXPANSION TO 1.25 MGD

Owner: ETOWAH WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY, DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA

Engineer: WIEDEMAN AND SINGLETON, INC.
3091 GOVERNORS LAKE DRIVE, SUITE 430
NORCROSS, GEORGIA 30071

SEPARATE SEALED BIDS for furnishing all materials and providing all labor, tools, and equipment will be received by the Owner at the Etowah Water & Sewer Authority Administration Office, 1162 Highway 53 East, Dawsonville, Georgia 30534, **until 10:00 a.m.**, local time, on **Thursday, November 2, 2023**.

The project is to be funded with Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) Program funds. The selected contractor must comply with GEFA requirements in the Contract Documents including but not limited to adherence to the Davis-Bacon Act, American Iron and Steel Special Conditions and the DBE requirements.

The Bidder shall provide on the outside of a sealed envelope the Bidder's name and utility contractor license number. Any bid submitted which does not contain the above information will not be opened and will be returned to the bidder. The Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at **10:10 a.m.**, local time, on said date in the Etowah Water & Sewer Authority Administrative Office Don D. Gordon Conference Room, 1162 Highway 53 East, Dawsonville, Georgia 30534. It is the responsibility of the person/firm submitting a Bid to ensure that it is received at the physical address of the Authority prior to the stated deadline. A date/time stamp located at the customer service reception window, at the Administrative Office of the Authority will determine the time of receipt. There is a button on the left side of the front door to buzz into the lobby of the Administrative Office. Bids received after the deadline will not be considered under any circumstances and will be returned unopened after the Bid is made. Unsealed Bids, including facsimile Bids, will not be considered.

THE PROJECT consists of furnishing all materials and equipment and performing all labor necessary to construct the proposed Dawson Forest Phase I Upgrade and Expansion to 1.25 MGD as set forth in the bid, as shown in the drawings and as specified. The project generally consists of the following major components of work and appurtenances:

- a. Modifications and upgrades to the existing Influent Pump Station;
- b. Construction of a New Influent Recycle Manhole at the existing Influent EQ / Emergency Storage Pond;
- c. Construction of a new Post EQ Tank and Pump Station;
- d. Construction of new Effluent Disk Filters;
- e. Construction of a new UV Structure;
- f. Construction of a new Effluent Parshall Flume and Cascade Structure;
- g. Construction of a new NPDES Outfall;
- h. Installation of bulk Liquid Lime and Alum Feed Facilities;
- i. Installation of a new Reuse Water System;
- j. Miscellaneous piping upgrades and modifications;
- k. Electrical and instrumentation upgrades and modifications; and

1. Related equipment and appurtenances as detailed in the Specifications and as shown on the contract drawings.

THE WORK will be awarded in one Contract.

PRE-QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS has been performed. **Only Bids submitted by properly pre-qualified Bidders will be opened.**

COURIER DELIVERY & POSTAL SERVICE DELIVERY

Etowah Water & Sewer Authority
Administrative Office
1162 Highway 53 East
Dawsonville, GA 30534

COPIES OF Contract Documents will be available electronically free of charge or they may be obtained, on or after, **Monday, September 18, 2023** at the Etowah Water & Sewer Authority Administrative Office, 1162 Highway 53 East, Dawsonville, Georgia 30534. The cost for said contract documents is \$100.00, non-refundable, per set. All checks should be made to Etowah Water & Sewer Authority. Street address, phone, fax number of your company and a FedEx account number must be provided to ensure prompt delivery.

PRE-BID CONFERENCE A Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held for all Bidders on **Monday, October 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Etowah Water & Sewer Authority Administrative Office Don D. Gordon Conference Room, 1162 Highway 53 East, Dawsonville, Georgia, 30534. **Only bidders in attendance for the entire meeting will be allowed to bid the project.**

PRE-CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE A Pre-Construction Conference will be scheduled with the successful bidder prior to issuance of the Notice to Proceed.

A BID BOND in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total base bid shall accompany each bid submitted. The Bid Bond shall be prepared on the Bid Bond form attached to the Contract Documents or a Surety Company's Standard Bid Bond, duly executed by the Bidder as principal and having as surety thereon a surety company licensed to do business in the State of Georgia and listed in the latest issue of U.S. Treasury Circular 570.

THE SUCCESSFUL Bidder for this Contract will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance Bond and Payment Bond each in the amount of 100 percent of the Bid.

THE OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive informalities and to re-advertise.

CLARIFICATIONS Any explanation desired by Bidder regarding the meaning or interpretation of this Invitation to Bid shall be requested in writing by **Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** All inquiries shall be directed to Tim Collins, Assistant General Manager, email: tcollins@etowahwaterga.gov. Any information given to a prospective Bidder concerning this Invitation to Bid shall be furnished to all known prospective Bidders as an amendment to this Invitation to Bid. Oral explanations or instructions given prior to award are not binding.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AMENDMENTS Receipt of any amendment to this Invitation to Bid shall be acknowledged, in writing, and shall be submitted with the Bid.

TAXES The CONTRACTOR shall pay all sales, consumer, use and other similar taxes required by the law of the place where the WORK is performed.

PUBLIC RECORDS Any information contained in this bid is subject to public disclosure.

Etowah Water & Sewer Authority is an equal opportunity owner/employer and will not discriminate against any Proposer because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, or ADA disability status.

All documents are an essential part of this Invitation to Bid. It is the Bidder's responsibility to verify that all documents are contained in the package received from the Authority. If any documents are missing, contact Tim Collins, Assistant General Manager, email: tcollins@etowahwaterga.gov.

PROJECT CONTACT: The project manager for this project is Tim Collins, phone: 706.968.6359 or email: tcollins@etowahwaterga.gov, with Etowah Water & Sewer Authority.

ETOWAH WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

Brooke Anderson, P.E
General Manager