

SECTION 00020

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Rock Hill, South Carolina is seeking competitive bids from qualified contractors for the Water Treatment Plant Alum Sludge Dewatering Facility project. Sealed bids will be received by the Procurement Division of the City of Rock Hill, South Carolina until 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 25, 2024 in the Procurement Conference Room of Building 103 at the Operations Center, 757 South Anderson Road, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The bid opening will begin promptly at the time stated above. The bids must be in the Procurement Conference room at the time of the bid opening, and it is solely the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the bid arrives in the correct place on time. No bids will be accepted after the bid opening begins.

Bid documents may be examined at:

- Wiedeman and Singleton, Inc. – 131 East Main Street, Suite 300 Rock Hill, South Carolina, 29730 and
- At the following online plan rooms: Duncan-Parnell (www.dpibidroom.com)

Copies of complete specifications and contract documents may be ordered online for a fee from Duncan-Parnell's online bid room at: www.dpibidroom.com. The estimated cost for a complete printed set of Contract Documents, excluding shipping costs and tax, is \$530, a printed set with digital files is \$555 and a digital download is \$400. Technical questions on bid room operations should be directed to Duncan-Parnell at (800) 849-7708 and ask for an eServices Administrator. Partial sets of the Bidding Documents will not be available. Any Contractor bidding on the project must obtain Contract Documents from Duncan-Parnell as outlined above. A list of plan holders is available from the Engineer (Wiedeman and Singleton, Inc.).

In no event will plans, specifications, and other contract documents be issued later than three (3) days prior to the hour and date set for receiving bids. All bids shall be submitted as set forth in the Instructions to Bidders.

Each bid must be accompanied by a **Bid Guaranty** of not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the amount of the bid, in the manner required by the Instructions to Bidders.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held in advance of the Bid Opening. The Conference is to be held at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, in Room 132 of the Operations Center, 757 South Anderson Road, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730. The pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, but all prospective bidders are encouraged to attend.

The work consists of furnishing all materials and equipment and performing all labor necessary to construct the Water Treatment Plant – Alum Sludge Dewatering Facility and other miscellaneous facility improvements and rehabilitation.

Each bidder will be required to submit evidence with his/her bid that they have sufficient means and experience in the types of work described in the Contract Documents. This evidence shall be in the form of AIA document A305 and the other items addressed in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Bidder states that he understands that the work must be substantially completed within 540 consecutive calendar days following the Notice to Proceed. Substantial completion will be obtained by the Contractor when the Alum Sludge Dewatering Facility is fully operational and complete, and all associated work and improvements required to operate the facility and to dewater and transport the alum sludge are complete. Necessary approval by public regulatory authorities must also have been given. There will be only one substantial completion date. Final Completion of the work must be completed within 180 consecutive calendar days of substantial completion. The following is not required to be complete and operational to obtain Substantial Completion:

Site Improvements to include only landscaping, grassing, and fencing are not required to be complete. All site paving must be complete.

Area 02 - Main Filter Building

Area 03 – Administration Building

Area 04 – Clarifier

Area 05 – Preflash Mix Structure

Area 06 – Sedimentation Basin 1-4

The Bidder understands that liquidated damages in the amount of **One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)** shall be assessed for each consecutive calendar day for unauthorized delays beyond the contract date for failure to achieve Substantial Completion; **Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)** for each consecutive calendar day for unauthorized delays for failure to achieve final completion by the contract time; and **One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00)** per day for failure to clean up the construction site. The liquidated damages are not a penalty but are for damages resulting to City since the actual damages would be difficult or impossible to ascertain. Time is of the essence.

No submitted bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

All bidders must comply with all state and local laws, and ordinances regarding fees, licensing, and bidding requirements.

The City of Rock Hill reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive informalities and irregularities, or re-advertise for bids.

This project is being funded by a loan from the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and will be referred to as SRF Project No. 4610002-11. Bidders must comply with all applicable state and federal requirements identified in the bid documents, including Davis Bacon and “American Iron and Steel” (AIS) provisions.

All prospective bidders will be required to comply and implement “Good Faith Efforts” and procedures to Disadvantage Business Enterprises so that they have the opportunity to be awarded subcontracts for supplies, construction, equipment, or construction services. Certifications, documentation, and reporting are to be submitted as required by the Contract documents.

The project will be financed in part by a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency and will be referred to as EPA Project No. 02D68823.

Any contract awarded under this Invitation to Bid is expected to be funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Neither the United States nor any of its departments, agencies or employees is or will be a party to this Invitation to Bids or any resulting contract.

All bidders must comply with the President’s Executive Order Number 11246 as amended, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex or national origin.

All bidders must comply with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, Executive Order 11738, and the Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40CFR part 15).

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