

SECTION 00020

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Rock Hill, South Carolina is seeking competitive bids from qualified contractors for the Wildcat Creek Force Main Relocation/Conveyance project. Sealed bids will be received by the Procurement Division of the City of Rock Hill, South Carolina until 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 21, 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 \$136.00, a printed set with digital files is \$161.00 and a digital download is \$107.00. 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 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, in the Room 132 of the Operations Center, 757 South Anderson Road, Rock Hill, South Carolina 29730. The pre-bid meeting is not mandatory, but all perspective bidders are encouraged to attend.

The work consists of furnishing all materials and equipment and performing all labor necessary to construct the Wildcat Creek Force Main Relocation/Conveyance as detailed on the drawings and in the specifications. In general, the work includes installing approximately 2,200 linear feet of 36-inch ductile iron force main, installing approximately 1,596 linear feet of 36-inch gravity sewers, installing approximately 3,047 linear feet of 8-inch DI gravity sewer and pipeline abandonments. The proposed project is to remove a portion of force main that has previously failed, and to eliminate an existing 36-inch pressure sewer.

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 300 consecutive calendar days following the Notice to Proceed. Final completion of the work must be completed within 90 consecutive calendar days of substantial completion.

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). 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.

Per SRF loan requirements, 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.

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