

**NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
TO
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
FOR**

UNDERGROUND UTILITY LOCATING AND MARKING

CONTRACT 24-698-11

PROPOSALS ARE DUE DECEMBER 5, 2023

Sealed proposals, endorsed as above, will be submitted back to the District via an electronic upload to the Bonfire Portal only, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. (Central Time), on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or designee at 11:00 A.M. on December 5, 2023. The public cannot attend but can view the bid opening at <https://mwrdd.org/bid-opening>.

NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 11:00 AM ON THE ABOVE SCHEDULED BID OPENING DATE. ALL BIDS FAXED, MAILED, EMAILED, OR HAND DELIVERED WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AND WILL BE RETURNED TO THE BIDDER. THERE IS NO BID DEPOSITORY SAFE AVAILABLE FOR MAILING OR HAND DELIVERING BIDS. THE DISTRICT WILL ONLY ACCEPT BIDS ELECTRONICALLY UPLOADED TO THE BONFIRE PORTAL ([HTTPS://MWRD.BONFIREHUB.COM/](https://mwrdd.bonfirehub.com/)). PLEASE SEE SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO UPLOAD YOUR BID TO THE BONFIRE PORTAL IN THE BID DOCUMENT ENTITLED "SUBMISSION VIA THE BONFIRE PORTAL." BIDS WILL BE DEEMED NON-RESPONSIVE IF NOT SUBMITTED USING THE BONFIRE PROJECT-SPECIFIC URL LINK, PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT WITH THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS.

Tenders are invited to provide all necessary labor, supervision, tools, equipment, materials, appurtenances, including transportation and fuel, as required to perform the work as described herein and as directed by the Resident Engineer. Work includes but is not limited to screening and clearing Emergency, Rush, Short, and Normal JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) and 811 Chicago (DIGGER) locate requests; locating and marking underground District facilities including sanitary intercepting and storm sewers, diversion structures, gate chambers, buried control structures, vaults, electrical lines, communication lines and any other underground District facility/infrastructure not listed; executing joint meet requests; and providing damage investigations within the boundaries of the District's service area for a period of twenty four (24) months beginning upon approval of the contractor's bond.

The estimated cost of the work under this Contract is \$660,000.00.

There is no bid deposit for this Contract.

Funding of all contract items is subject to the Board of Commissioners' approval of the District's budget for all years under this Contract.

The Contract is divided, for purposes of bidding, into seven (7) Items. Bidders must submit bids for all seven (7) Items or the bid will be rejected as non-responsive. The District intends to award one Contract to one Bidder for all the work to be performed.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement and Materials Management by downloading online from the District's website at www.mwrd.org (Doing Business -> Procurement and Materials Management -> Contract Announcements). No fee is required for the Contract Documents. Any questions regarding the downloading of the Contract Document should be directed to the following e-mail: contractdesk@mwrd.org or call 312-751-6643.

Further, the District assumes no liability or responsibility for the failure or inability of any Bidder to successfully download any and all contract documents, including but not limited to specifications, proposal forms and/or plans, as a result of any type of technological computer and/or software system failure or breakdown that restricts, prohibits or prevents successful downloading of any and all District contract documents by the Bidder, whether caused by the District or other parties, directly or indirectly.

Bidding documents are only available online, and all addenda issued for this contract will be available online at the District's website, www.mwrd.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business → Procurement and Materials Management → Contract Announcements. A copy of such addenda will also be emailed/faxed to each person which downloads a set of such contract documents.

Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of each addendum issued in the space provided on the proposal signature page or submit a signed copy of each addendum with the Bidder's proposal at the time and date set to receive bids.

Proposals shall conform to all the terms and conditions of the Bidding Requirements attached hereto. Failure to submit the required documents as specified may render the bid non-responsive and the bid may be rejected.

If any potential Bidder contemplating to submit a proposal is in doubt as to the true meaning of any part of the specifications or other contract documents, such inquiry should be submitted online at the District's website, www.mwrd.org. The path is as follows: Doing Business → Procurement and Materials Management → Contract Announcements. The District will provide an online response to such inquiries, as the District deems appropriate. Strings of appropriate questions and answers regarding the bidding documents will be available online on the District's website until the bid opening date of the bidding documents. No questions will be accepted by telephone, fax, email, mail, or any other such form of delivery.

The District will only respond to questions received online up to ONE (1) WEEK prior to the bid opening date of the bidding documents. The District will not respond to questions received after this date. The District does not guarantee the timeliness of responses provided online, nor does the District guarantee that such responses will be provided in adequate time to affect the submission of bids. The District shall provide responses online ONLY if the responses do not interpret or otherwise change the bidding documents.

The District's responses online are NOT official responses and, therefore, are not binding to the bidding documents. Any official interpretation or change to the bidding documents will be made only by addenda duly issued to all plan holders on record by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management.

Failure on the part of the prospective Bidder to receive a written interpretation prior to the time of the opening of bids will not be grounds for withdrawal of proposal.

The Resident Engineer for this Contract is Mr. Paul Sobanski. Mr. Sobanski will provide online responses to online inquiries.

Bidders are STRONGLY URGED to inspect all potential/general areas of the work sites prior to bidding, in order to familiarize themselves with the nature of the work and the method of accomplishing the same. The Contractor is hereby advised however, that the sites of the work proposed herein can and will be at various, potentially diverse areas and locations throughout the District's service area. Exact or specific locations cannot be known until the need for Contract work has presented itself. Prospective Bidders may schedule an appointment to inspect the possible, potential, general and/or accessible work sites, by contacting Mr. Paul Sobanski, at (708) 588-4080, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Bidders should read the bidding requirements set forth on pages R-1 through R-6, and in particular page R-2, Paragraph 6, in regards to questions on this Contract.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et. seq.).

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
of Greater Chicago

By Darlene A. LoCascio
Director Of Procurement
and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois
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