NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
FOR
FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT ON 1ST AVENUE FROM ROOSEVELT ROAD TO CERMACK ROAD, SSA

CONTRACT 14-111-5F

PROPOSALS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

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. (CST), on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or designee at 11:00 AM on September 14, 2021. The public cannot attend but can view the bid opening at https://mwrd.org/bid-opening.

No bids will be accepted after 11:00 AM on the above scheduled bid opening date. All bids faxed, mailed, 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/). Please see specific instructions on how to upload your bid to the Bonfire Portal in the bid document entitled “Submission via the Bonfire Portal.”

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 & 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 email: contractdesk@mwrd.org or call 312-751-6643.

Tenders are invited for the work consisting of the construction of approximately 13,000 linear feet of storm sewer along 1st Avenue and the 1st Avenue Cutoff, a new sewer outfall structure at the Des Plaines River, bioswales behind the east side of 1st Avenue within the Forest Preserve District of Cook County easement, erosion control and landscaping, and pavement restoration as shown on the Drawings plus all related work as defined in these documents.

The site of construction is located along both sides of 1st Avenue and north side of the 1st Avenue Cutoff, between Cermak Road and Roosevelt Road, Maywood, County of Cook, State of Illinois.

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

The estimated cost of this Contract is between $5,952,358.00 and $7,205,486.00.

The bid deposit for this proposal is $288,220.00 (two hundred and eighty-eight thousand, two hundred twenty dollars).

The Voluntary Technical Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., CST, at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Main Office Building (100 E. Erie, Chicago, IL 60611). The purpose of the Voluntary Technical Pre-Bid Conference is to review the scope of work, to provide for identification and discussion of potential problems that might arise during the administration of this Contract and seek clarification of technical or procedural aspects of this Contract.

Bidders are STRONGLY URGED to inspect all areas of the worksites prior to bidding and shall familiarize themselves with the nature of the work and the method of accomplishing the same.

Further, the District assumes no liability or responsibility for the failure or inability of anyBidder 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.

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 & 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 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.

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 & 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.

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.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond in the amount of $288,220.00 (two hundred and eighty-eight thousand, two hundred twenty dollars). Each bid bond must be underwritten by a surety licensed to do business in the State of Illinois, listed in the latest copy of the Federal Register and approved by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management. The bid bond must contain signatures from the Bidder and Surety Company. Failure to provide signatures on the bid bond will result in the rejection of the bid. Photographic and/or stamped signatures are acceptable. Any proposal submitted without being accompanied by the required bid deposit, in the aforesaid form, will not be considered and will not be read after it is publicly opened.
The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals. All contracts for the Contract Document. The contact person for this contract is Holly Sauter. This contact person will provide online responses to online inquiries. Any Potential bidder should read the bidding requirements set forth on pages R-2, Paragraph 6, in regard to questions on this Contract. Any Potential bidder with questions regarding the meaning of any part of the specifications or other bidding documents should submit such inquiries online at the District’s website, www.mwrd.org, under the “Contracts and Proposals” section of the website. 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 contact person for this contract is Holly Sauter. This contact person will provide online responses to online inquiries. 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

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Chicago, Illinois
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