METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
FOR
FURNISH, DELIVER, AND INSTALL GAS MONITORING EQUIPMENT
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS
CONTRACT 20-635-11

PROPOSALS ARE DUE OCTOBER 5, 2021

Sealed proposals, endorsed as above, will be submitted to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (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 zone), 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 October 5, 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 to provide labor, supervision, materials, tools, equipment, and appurtenances, including transportation, in order to furnish, deliver, install, test and commission new gas monitoring equipment at the following locations: the Calumet Service Area (including the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, its outlying stations, and the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant), the Kirby Water Reclamation Plant, and the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant.

A more detailed description of the work is provided in the Detail Specifications.

The estimated cost of this Contract is $2,048,160.00.

Funding of all contract items is subject to the Board of Commissioners’ approval of the budget for all years the contract is active.

Bidders are STRONGLY URGED to inspect all 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. Prospective bidders may contact the Resident Engineer, Nathan Eatman, at (708) 588-4120, regarding the optional walk-through schedules below.

The optional attendance for the Pre-Bid Walk-Throughs will be held on four separate calendar dates where the work shall be performed. The first Pre-Bid Walk-Through will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. Central Time Zone at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, 400 East 130th St., Chicago, Illinois 60628. The second Pre-Bid Walk-Through will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. Central Time Zone at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, 6601 West Pershing Rd, Cicero, Illinois 60804. The third Pre-Bid Walk-Through will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time Zone at the Kirby Water Reclamation Plant, 701 W Oakton St., Des Plaines, Illinois 60018. The fourth Pre-Bid Walk-Through will be held on Friday, September 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Central Time Zone at the Lemont Water Reclamation Plant, Stephen St and Front St., Lemont, Illinois 60439.

Attendees are advised to bring a hard hat and appropriate footwear for an industrial type of facility and a current business card. Bidders are encouraged to give themselves enough time to clear security. No questions will be allowed or answered at the walk-through. The District’s portal will be used for any questions as indicated in the Invitation to Bid documents for this contract.

The Contract is divided, for purposes of bidding, into four items. Bidders must submit a bid for all four items or the bid will be considered non-responsive. The District intends to award one Contract to one bidder for all the work to be performed.

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.

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, 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. 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. Nathan Eatman. Mr. Eatman will provide online responses to online inquiries.

Failure to submit the complete set of contract documents as specified may render the bid non-responsive and the bid may be rejected.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid deposit in the form of a bid bond (Identify with language about each group and each bid and then the total bid.) 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. Photographs 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 BID DEPOSIT FOR THIS PROPOSAL IS $102,408.00. Prior to award of the contract, the lowest responsible bidder must demonstrate compliance with the District’s Multi-Project Labor Agreement by submitting to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management a signed Certificate of Compliance with the Multi-Project Labor Agreement. The Agreement and Certificate of Compliance are contained in the Contract Documents. Bidders on contracts in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) will be required to comply with the President’s Executive Order No. 11246 as amended to date, regarding NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT. The requirements for Bidders and Contractors under this order are explained in Appendix C of the Contract Documents. The provisions of Appendix C also apply to each Subcontractor on the contract in excess of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00).

Each Bidder must submit with their proposals a signed and completed MBE, WBE, SBE Utilization Plan which lists the subcontractors the Bidder intends to use as a MBE, WBE, SBE on pages UP-2, UP-3 and UP-4 and supplemental pages as necessary. The Bidder must sign the Signature Section page on UP-5. Failure to submit a signed MBE, WBE, SBE Utilization Plan will result in a bid being deemed non-responsive and the bid will be rejected. Also, if a Waiver is sought, the Bidder is required to sign pages UP-5 and UP-6, the Waiver Request Form; failure to do so will be viewed as non-responsive and the bid will be rejected.

Each Bidder must submit with their bid package an original or facsimile copy of the MBE, WBE, SBE Subcontractor’s Letter of Intent, page UP-7 for each subcontractor listed on their MBE, WBE, SBE Utilization Plan. The submitted MBE, WBE, SBE Subcontractor’s Letter of Intent must be completed and signed by the subcontractor and accompanied by a copy of the subcontractor’s current Letter of Certification from a state, local government or agency or documentation demonstrating that the subcontractor is a MBE, WBE or SBE within the meaning of the Affirmative Action Ordinance, Revised Appendix D. Failure to submit the MBE, WBE, SBE Utilization Plan signed by the Bidder at the time of the bid opening and the MBE, WBE, SBE Subcontractor’s Letter of Intent signed by each MBE, WBE, SBE will be viewed as non-responsive and the bid will be rejected.

If the Bidder exceeds the allowable Supplier Utilization amount which is stated in the bid documents, the bid will be viewed as non-responsive. Therefore, the Bidder may not exceed the use of a MBE, WBE, SBE supplier for more than 25% of each respective MBE, WBE, SBE goal, unless the Administrator has authorized a Supplier’s Exception noted on page AU-1. The Contractor agrees to use the District’s online compliance monitoring system administered by the Diversity Section for payment and reporting purposes in order to fulfill the affirmative action requirements.

The MBE, WBE, SBE Utilization Plan MUST be signed by the bidder, even if the bidder requests a waiver and/or offers itself to meet any of the Revised Appendix D goals. If the bidder offers itself to satisfy any of the Revised Appendix D goals, then its name shall be shown in the appropriate space(s) on the MBE, WBE, SBE Utilization Plan.

Where a bidder is a business owned and controlled by a minority woman (M/WBE), where the bidder utilizes an M/WBE in a joint venture or as a subcontractor, the bidder may count the M/WBE participation toward the achievement of either its MBE or WBE goal, but not both.

The work under this Contract is classified as ELECTRICAL for the Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBE), Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBE) and Small Business Enterprises (SBE)
Utilization goals contained in the Affirmative Action Ordinance – Revised Appendix D. The associated goals are 8% Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBE) and/or Women-owned Business Enterprises (WBE), and 8% Small Business Enterprises (SBE).

The total contract value subject to MBE/WBE and SBE goals set for this contract will be reduced by $1,116,904.00. The Affirmative Action goals will not be applicable to this sole source amount.

The Affirmative Action goals will be applicable to the remaining contract value. Should you have any questions, please contact the Diversity Office at 312-751-4035. It is required that the prospective bidder indicates participation by signing each applicable MBE, WBE, SBE Utilization Plan contained with the Contract Document.

The bidder to whom the contract is awarded must be prepared to comply with the requirements of the Affirmative Action Ordinance during the life of the contract.

Bidders should read 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

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Chicago, Illinois
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