NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID

METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO
FOR
POWER DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT INSPECTION AND REPAIR

CONTRACT 22-617-11

PROPOSALS ARE DUE AUGUST 30, 2022

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 August 30, 2022. 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, 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/). 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 all transportation, material, equipment, labor, and technical supervision to inspect, repair, calibrate, perform testing and commissioning of power distribution equipment including but not limited to transformers, transformer oil analysis, protective relays, and switchgears as directed by the District’s Resident Engineer at various facilities in the Stickney Service Area including the Lockport Powerhouse, the Mainstream Pumping Station (MSPS), the Racine Avenue Pumping Station (RAPS), and the Calumet, O’Brien, Kirie, Egan and Hanover
Park Water Reclamation Plants on an "as-needed" basis for a period of thirty-six (36) months.

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

The estimated cost of the work under this Contract is not to exceed $613,800.00. There is no bid deposit required.

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

The Contract is divided, for purposes of bidding, into three (3) Groups. Bidders must submit bids for all items and all Groups or the bid will be rejected as non-responsive. The District intends to issue one Contract to one bidder for all the services to be furnished under this Contract.

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.

Prior to award of the contract, the lowest responsible bidder must demonstrate compliance with the MWRDGC 2017 Multi-Project Labor Agreement by submitting to the Director of Procurement and Materials Management a signed Certification of Compliance with 2017 Multi-Project Labor Agreement (MPLA). The Agreement and Certificate of Compliance are contained in the contract documents.

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, 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.

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 contact person for this contract is Sam Pappu. This contact person 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.

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. To schedule an appointment to inspect the work sites, prospective Bidders may contact the Resident Engineer, Sam Pappu at (708) 588-3686 between 7:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Attendees are advised to bring a hard hat and appropriate footwear for an industrial type of facility and a current business card. 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.

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

By ___Darlene A. LoCascio____
Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois
August 10, 2022